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YESTERDAY'S FEARS CONFIRMED TODAY

Four Northumberland Companies Captured by Boers

ONE OF WORST BRITISH REVERSES

Subsequent Dispatches From Lord Kitchener Tell the Gloomy News. Dewet and Knox Have Had Tough Engagement. Boer General Probably Out of the Trap

London, Dec. 15—Lord Kitchiner reports that 18 officers and 550 men are missing from General Clement's forces.

They consist of four companies of Northumberland fusiliers, who were evidently captured by the Boers.

Clement's casualties the 13th were five officers and nine men killed and many wounded.

Dewet lost heavily.

Lord Kitchener's message to the war office continues:

Pretoria—Clements brought in his force to Commando Nek unopposed. Broadwood's brigade took no part in the engagement.

The Boers suffered severely.

"Knox drove Dewet north to Thaba Nchu and Ladybrand line, which was held by our troops. Dewet's force is about 3000 strong and made several attempts to get through during the day assisted by a force of Boers operating from the north.

"These attacks were driven back, though the Boers from the south were able to get through the line.

Wiring later, December 14 Lord Kitchener reports that while passing the lines in the neighborhood of Thaba Nchu, Dewets' force lost considerably. The South African light horse and Thornycroft's mounted infantry captured a 15 pounder taken at Dewetsdorp, a pom pom, several wagons with ammuition, 22 prisoners and some horses and mules.

A portion of the enemy has not been able to pass north.

Lord Kitchener's supplementary dispatch, referring to the disaster at Magaliesburg, confirms yesterday's most pessimistic fears. It demonstrates that the catastrophe is among the worst of the war.

The matter was brought up in the house of commons today, but the secretary of war had no information to add except that the wounded numbered six officers and 45 men.

Parliament was dismissed today until the middle of February with the reading of the shortest of the queen's speeches: "I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the expenses incurred by the operation of my arms in South Africa and China."

BRYAN TO PUBLISH A NEW NEWSPAPER

"The Commoner" Will Discuss and Defend Bryanism

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15—W. J. Bryan announced today he had in contemplation for several years the establishment of a weekly paper, and now seems the opportune time for undertaking it.

He has chosen this method, as he intends to devote his life to the study an discussion of public questions, as the best to accomplish the purpose in view.

He expects to lecture occasionally, especially in college towns, but his principal work will be with the pen.

The paper will be called "The Commoner," and will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas city platform. The first issue will appear in January.

"I shall be proprietor and editor," said Mr. Bryan.

FEIGNED INSANITY AND WAS CAUGHT

A Scheme to Get Money That Miserably Failed

New York, Dec. 15—Thomas J. Minnick of Bridgeport, Conn., who, under the name of James McDonald, feigned insanity Monday and was taken to Bellevue insane pavilion, was arraigned in court today and is much crestfallen.

He said he went to the editor of a Sunday paper, suggested to get a good story by feigning insanity and being incarcerated.

He was told to go ahead.

He wanted the money.

He made a miserable failure of the scheme, he said.

The court discharged him.

J. Addison Porter Dead

Pomfret, Conn., Dec. 15—John Addison Porter, former secretary to President McKinley, died at 2 o'clock today.

He became critical this morning, was unconscious several hours and his family and relatives were summoned.

The change was sudden, as he was out driving Wednesday.

ENGLAND DECLINES TO SIGN JOINT NOTE

Her Minister at Pekin Informed He is Not Authorized

Pekin, Dec. 15—The British minister, Sir Ernest Satow, has received a communication to the effect that at present he is not authorized to sign the join note.

He expects definite instructions tomorrow. The Germans report their detachment at Ho Si Wu was attacked while foraging.

They killed 13 and wounded 20 Chinese.

The Germans had four wounded.

GOTHAM POLICE FORCE ROUGHLY SHAKEN UP

Many Transfers Announced at Headquarters Today

New York, Dec. 15—Ther was a big shake up in police officials announced this morning at headquarters.

The transfers include a number of deputy chief inspectors, 1 5captains, including McClusky of the detective bureau, who is replaced by Captain Titus.

Destructive Carnegie Fire

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15—Fire early today destroyed the A. T. Stewart pump and plow works at Carnegie, Pa. The loss is $175,000.

Nagle Sentenced For Assault

Augusta, Me., Dec. 15—The case of Thomas Nagle of Bath, indicted for assault to kill, upon the mate of the steamer Sagadahoc, the intent to kill was not pressed yesterday, and Nagle admitted assault. He was fined $50 and costs, amounting to $158.74, which he paid.

Closed For the Winter

Catskill, N. Y., Dec. 15 [illegible] of the upper Hudson closed yesterday with the departure of the steamer Onteora for New York. Last year navigation closed two weeks later.

LAST TWO DAYS OF BIG BICYCLE RACE

Riders in Same Relative Positions They Held For Days

New York, Dec. 15—The morning of the last day of the bicycle race found the teams in the same relative positions as for days past.

Elkes and MacFarland, Pierce and McEachern retained the lead of a lap on the Frenchman.

Simar and Gougoltz were frequent in changes in an effort to make up the lost lap, but of no avail.

The race closes tonight at 10 o'clock, and an exciting finish is looked for.

Waller quit at 2.30 this morning as the last two teams have no possible chance of passing him.

The score at 1 p. m.:

Pierce and MacEachern, 2476.2; Elkes and MacFarland, 2476.2; Simar and Gougoltz, 2476.1; Kaser and Ryser, 2475.8; Fisher and Frederick, 2475.5; Waller and Stinson, 2308.1; Babcock and Aarenson, 1500.1; Turville and Gimm, 1499.7.

Safety the First Consideration

Providence, Dec. 15.—In the police court yesterday, William Sullivan, a mail wagon driver, was fined $15 and costs for exceeding the speed allowed for vehicular traffic in the city streets. Sullivan had been directed to hurry a pouch of mail to the station. Judge Sweetland said: "I think that the mail is not the most important thing in the world. I consider the safety of the citizens of more importance."

Nothing Worse Than a Scare

Boston, Dec. 15.—While Faneuil Hall square was crowded with wagons and people early last night, the whole neighborhood was startled by a deafening explosion, followed by the crash of iron, as a heavy metal disk fell into the street. The hubbub was caused by a hot air explosion in an electric wire manhole, the ignition being through the short circuiting of a wire. There was no property loss.

Senator Proctor's Big Deal

Rome, Dec. 15.—Representatives of United States Senator Proctor arrived at Leghorn this week, and are closing up a deal by which Senator Proctor takes over the entire Carrara quarries, which, with his Vermont possessions, will give the senator practical control of a large proportion of the marble output of the world. The price is understood to approximate $10,000,000.

Americans Not the Only Offenders

London, Dec. 15.—The Earl of Crewe, in an address before the Gimcrack club at York City last night, referred to the "American invasion" of the English turf, and said it was not fair to confine censure of unjustifiable practices to the American jockeys, as the English jockeys were also guilty of rough riding.

Referee Called It a Foul

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Jimmie Scanlan was given the decision over Dan Creeden last night in the first round on a foul. The men were to go 20 rounds. In a clinch Creeden sent a sharp, straight blow to Scanlan's face. Some one cried foul, and Referee Foley gave the fight to Scanlan.

Stole Three Hundred Dollars

Boston, Dec. 15.—Joseph F. Symonds, who had been employed several years as a driver and salesman for the National Biscuit company, is charged with embezzling $300 from his employers He admits the truth of the charge.

Almost Completely Recovered

Livadia, Dec. 15.—Emperor Nicholas, for the first time since his illness began, went into the open air yesterday, sitting on a veranda. Subsequently he received one of the ministers in audience.

Woman Charged With Forgery

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Margaret M. Heppenheimer, 26 years old, wife of an elevated railroad conductor, is under arrest on a charge of having forged a check for the sum of $25,750.

Legs Cut Off by Train

Portland, Me., Dec. 15.—John Malia, 25 years old, while trying to get on a freight train here last night, slipped and fell under the wheels, and had both legs cut off. He will die.

Thrown From Carriage and Killed

Woonsocket, R. I., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Ora L. Arnold was killed yesterday by being thrown from a buggy. She was driving a horse which became frightened and ran away.

NEWS IN BRIEF

For voting illegally at the state election, Thomas F. Monahan of Boston was given four months. His offense was "repeating."

John O. Dore, formerly superintendent of schools in Chicago, senator from Illinois and otherwise prominent, died at Boston, where he had made his residence for about nine years. Mr. Dore was about 80 years old, and was born in Ossipee, N. H.

A general German anarchist convention has been called to meet in Berlin at Christmas, unless the police interfere.

The torpedo boat Foote may be sent to the Brooklyn navy yard for repairs, her prow having been dented in by collision with a pier head at Newport, R. I.

LOCAL NEWS

THEATER RACKET SETTLED

Tetens and Batterson Retracted Pleas and Paid Fines

A special session of police court was held today, after the regular session, and the Columbia theater racket was paid for by the two men who enjoyed it. They had had time to consider the matter, and were ready to retract their pleas of not guilty, and to plead guilty to both charges of assaulting an officer and raising a disturbance. An account of the regular session is given on the eighth page.

At the second session, after the pleas of guilty, Louis B. Tetens was fined $25 for disturbance. Batterson was fined $10. The cases for assault on an officer were filed away.

Another Gold Mining Company

A meeting was held in Readsboro this week, in the office there of Carpenter and Parker of this city, and the Brown gold mining company of Readsboro was organized with the following officers: President, J. G. Brown of Shelburne Falls; vice-president, Dr. H. S. Ward of Readsboro; secretary, C. G. Brown of Readsboro; treasurer, A. P. Carpenter of this city; directors, J. G. Brown, H. S. Ward, Fred W. Horton, W. D. Howe and Charles Faulkner. Plans will soon be made to put the stock on the market. A laboratory has already been erected in Readsboro, and the lease of the property has been turned over from the private individuals who held it, to the company.

Close of the Campaign

The close of the last week of the campaign comes tonight with very little in the way of interest. No two campaigns ever differed so greatly as those of last year and this year, between the same candidates. Mr. Dobson has not spoken or made an appeal to the voters, and when seen today said that he had nothing to say on the campaign. His position is as it has been for the last two years, and he is running on practically the same platform, but the campaign has not been in his hands. He said that he should issue a circular to the voters tomorrow or Monday, as the last thing in the campaign.

Meeting of Doctors

The Berkshire District Medical society will be entertained in this city Thursday, December 27, by the North Berkshire Medical association. The meeting will be held at the Wellington, where dinner will be served at 12.30. Doctors will be present from all parts of the county and the meeting will be a very pleasant one. There will probably be some discussion, though the meeting will be chiefly social in its character.

The Ice Situation

So far only one request has been made of the board of health for an examination of ice supply for this winter, but others are expected next week. Those interested in the formation of a new company to succeed the People's ice company have been active today, and will hold a meeting next week to decide on how to conduct the business. The question of trying to use the Cheshire reservoir, following the plan made some time ago and reported in this paper, will then be decided.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Received through the office of Lehman & Co., Commission Stock Brokers, Burlingame Block.

Atch	42⅝	41¼	42⅜
Atch pr	86¾	85¾	86⅝
Am. Tob	110	108⅞	109¾
Am. S. and W	45½	44⅜	45¼
B R. T	75⅝	73⅞	75½
B. & O	82½	81¾	82¼
C. & R I	117¾	117	117⅝
C B & Q	139	138¾	138⅞
C. St. P & M	132½	130⅞	132¼
C. C. C.	68	68	68
Cont. Tob	36½	36	36½
Canada So	59¾	59¼	59⅝
C. & O	38⅝	38¼	38½
D. & H	122	120½	122
Fed. Steel	53½	52⅝	53¼
Fed. Steel pr	77⅞	77½	77⅞
Gen. Elec	172	171½	171¾
J. C.	145¾	145⅜	145¾
L. & N	85	84¼	84⅞
Man	111	109¾	110¾
Met. St. Ry	168¾	167¾	168¾
Mo. Pac	62½	61⅝	62½
M. K & T	40½	40	40½
N. Y. C.	143	142¼	143
Norfolk	43⅝	43¼	43¾
Nat. Lead	21	20⅝	21
No Pac	76½	73⅞	75⅞
No. Pac pr	84½	83¾	84½
O & W	29	28¼	29
Penn RR	143½	143	143¼
P. M.	43¾	43½	43½
Peo. Gas	100⅝	99½	100⅜
Reading	25	23⅞	24⅜
Reading pr	65½	63¾	65⅝
Sugar	126¼	124	126
So. Pac	43⅞	42½	42¾
So. RR pr	69⅝	68½	69⅝
T. C. & I	62⅞	60½	62⅝
U. S. L	13⅝	13½	13¾
U. S. R.	29	27½	28¼
Union Pac	75	73	75
Union Pac pr	82⅝	82⅛	82¾
Wab pr	26½	26	26¼
W U.	85¾	84½	85⅛

BANK STATEMENT.

Reserve, inc.,	$24,500
Loans, dec.,	13,682,500
Legals, inc.,	1,179,200
Deposits, dec.,	38,376,400
Specie, dec.,	5,145,100
Circulation, inc.,	116,000

Christmas Neckwear

It's always fun buying and selling Christmas neckwear, but this year the heavy silks and rich satins in the bright cheery colorings are fairly overpowering and the Ad man himself finds that he has on a bright red scarf—he has felt it coming on for several days and could not resist the Christmas cheer that pervades Cutting Corner. The heaviest and richest 50 cents and $1 silks and satins made up in the most popular shapes are here at 25 and 50 cents.

Cutting's Shopping List, Christmas, 1900

ARTICLE.	PRICE.	A GOOD THING FOR (Put their name down here.)
House Coats and Smoking Jackets	$2.50 to $8.50	
Bath Robes	$5 to $10	
Silk Umbrellas	$1 to $8.50	
Walking Sticks	50c to $7	
Gentlemen's Gloves	25c to $10	
White and Colored Shirts	50c to $1.50	
Neckties	25c to 75c	
Hosiery	5c to 50c	
Mufflers	25c to $2	
Ways' Yarn Sweater Collar Muffets	25c to 75c	
Silk Handkerchiefs initial	25c and 50c	
Silk Handkerchiefs	25c to $1	
Cotton and Linen Handkerchiefs	5c to 50c	
Suspenders	25c to $2	
Special Line Holiday Suspenders		
Pure Silk with Glove-ends (worth $1)	at 50c	
Night Robes and Pajamas	50c to $2.50	
Sweaters	$1 to $4.50	
Underwear, winter weight	50c to $2.50	
Union Suits	$1 to $5	
Trunks, Valises, Suit Cases	$1 to $10	
Men's Caps	25c to $1.50	
Men's Swell Jewelry— Collar Buttons, Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, Studs, Etc	5c to $3.50	
FOR THE BOYS		
Boys' Caps	25c to $1	
Boys' Shirt Waists	25c to $1	
Boys' Sweaters	25c to $2.50	
Boys' Laundered Shirts	50c to $1	
Boys' Gloves and Mittnes	50c to $1	
Boys' Long Hose	10c to 50c	
Boys' Suspenders	10, 15 and 25c	
Boys' Neckties	25c	
Boys' Collars	10c	
Boys' Umbrellas	50c to $1.50	

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Our Home-made Sausages 12c. lb., cakes or links.

Native Spring Lamb of the usual tender kind, also Fat Veal and plenty to suit you.

Sugar Cured Pig Hams, our cure, have mild, juicy flavor. Best Breakfast Bacon.

BEEF of the choicest kind, you can depend on getting of us, best cuts a specialty.

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Stamped Eggs, 40c, Creamery Butter 30c.

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Full supply of fresh vegetables, Fancy Celery, Sauerkraut and Dill Pickles.

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BOERS ARE ON THE AGGRESSIVE

Foreboding That Four Companies of Fusiliers are in Their Hands

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Kitchener's latest dispatch will not be comforting reading for the British public. It shows that the Boers are on the aggressive from Koomatipoort on the east to Lichtenburg on the west, and from the vicinity of the Orange river on the south to beyond Pretoria on the north.

Lord Kitchener reports that after severe fighting at Nooitgedacht, General Clements' force was compelled to retire by Commandant Delarey, with a force of 2500 men. Four British officers were killed. The other casualties were not reported. Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to the war office is dated Pretoria, Dec. 13, and is as follows:

"Clements' force at Nooitgedacht, on the Magaliesburg, was attacked at dawn today by Delarey, reinforced by Beyer's commando from Warmbath, making a force estimated at 2500. Though the first attack was repulsed, the Boers managed to get atop of the Magaliesburg, which was held by four companies of the Northumberland fusiliers, and were thus able to command Clements' camp. He retired on Hekpoort, and took up a position on a hill in the centre of the valley.

"The casualties have not been completely reported, but the fighting was very severe, and I deeply regret that Colonel Legge of the Twentieth hussars and Captains MacBean, Murdock and Atkins were killed. Reinforcements have left here."

Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers made an attack and were repulsed at Litchenburg, and that General Lemmer was killed. Attacks upon Bethlehem and Vrede were also repulsed, the Boers losing 10 killed and 14 wounded. Vryheid was attacked Dec. 11. Sniping continued when the message was dispatched.

The absence of the names of any of the officers of the Northumberland fusiliers in General Kitchener's dispatch leads to the foreboding that the four companies of the fusiliers mentioned are in the hands of the Boers. The officials of the war office evidently expect a heavy casualty list, but they are hopeful, from the fact that the dispatch does not mention the capture of the Northumberlands, that such a great catastrophe has escaped.

The scene of the fight is ominously close to Pretoria. Nooitgedacht is only 22 miles northwest of Pretoria.

A dispatch from Johannesburg, dated Dec. 14, 3:25 p. m., says: The battle still continues in the hills a few miles from Krugersdorp. General Clements has asked for reinforcements, and mounted men, under General French, have already gone. There have been many casualties on both sides. It is estimated that the Boers number 2800.

Kruger Still Expects a Settlement

The Hague, Dec. 15.—Mr. Kruger and Dr. Leyds, who dined last evening at the palace, on hearing of the British disaster at Nooitgedacht were quite unmoved. Mr. Kruger said he thought the English would break their necks, and he reasserted his complete confidence in ultimately forcing the English to initiate an acceptable settlement.

Paddy Ryan Is Dead

Albany, Dec. 15.—Paddy Ryan, ex-champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, died yesterday at Green Island. He was seized with a convulsion in the morning on arising and death ensued in the afternoon. Ryan was heavyweight champion before he lost to John L. Sullivan in the famous fight in Mississippi. Ryan was born in Ireland in 1853. He never fought in the prize ring after his defeat by Sullivan. He was noted as being a big-hearted fellow. He died in poverty.

The Telegraphers' Strike

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 15.—The striking telegraphers have established headquarters here and announce that they will keep up the fight until they shall have won. No great difficulty is experienced in the running of trains on the main line. General Manager Mudge of the Santa Fe says that the strike has descended to a mere war of words, and that nothing more serious will result.

A Policeman's Bravery

Boston, Dec. 15.—Patrolman Charles B. Kelly, who wears a medal denoting personal bravery, again distinguished himself yesterday by the rescue of George Stein, aged 5, from a burning building. He did this after having rescued also an infant and the mother from the top story of the building. The fire, which was in a tenement block, did little damage.

Verdict In Divorce Mill Case

New York, Dec. 15.—The jury in the case of Henry Zeimer, who has been on trial on charges of subornation of perjury in connection with certain divorce cases, returned a verdict of guilty. Zeimer was remanded until Wednesday for sentence.

Alvord In Court

New York, Dec. 15.—Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the defaulting teller of the First National bank, was arraigned before Judge Thomas yesterday, and pleaded not guilty. Judge Thomas set the trial for Dec. 26.

Fell Under Wagon Wheel

Boston, Dec. 15.—James F. Towle is under arrest and will be held until an investigation of the death of William Barry is made. The two men met in Charlestown yesterday, and as a result of trouble that has existed between them they came to blows. They clinched and both fell over into the street. The rear wheel of a heavy wagon passed directly over Barry's head. He was carried to a hospital, where he died. Barry was 24 years old, and Towle about the same age.

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Buffalo Loan Trust and Safe Deposit Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE

Kwang Su Said to Have Agreed to the Demands of the Powers

Tientsin, Dec. 15.—According to credible Chinese sources of information, Emperor Kwang Su will agree to the following 10 demands of the powers:

First—Indemnity to the amount of 700,000,000 taels, payable within 60 years, and guaranteed by the Likin.

Second—The erection in Pekin of a suitable monument to the memory of Baron Von Ketteler.

Third—An imperial prince, a near relative to the emperor, to go to Berlin to apologize and express regret for the murder.

Fourth—Foreign troops to hold the lines of communication between Taku and Pekin.

Fifth—Punishment of Boxer officials.

Sixth—Candidates from districts where anti-foreign outrages have been perpetrated not to be allowed to compete in the Chinese examinations in Pekin for five years.

Seventh—Abolition of the tsung li yamen.

Eighth—Foreign envoys to have access to the emperor at all times.

Ninth—Importation of arms and ammunition into the province of Chi Li to be abolished.

Tenth—The land and sea forts between Shan Hai Kwan, Taku and Pekin to be destroyed.

Satow Awaiting Instructions

Pekin, Dec. 15.—Negotiations have not yet been opened with the Chinese peace plenipotentiaries. Mr. Satow, the British minister, is waiting for final instructions.

Out of Our Jurisdiction

Washington, Dec. 15.—About the only subject of popular interest discussed in the very short cabinet meeting yesterday was the application for governmental aid in protecting native Christians in the New Hebrides islands, which lie about 1000 miles east of Australia, and just north of New Caledonia. They have been under a divided French and British protectorate. It was reported that French and British gunboats patrol these seas, and doubtless would seek to prevent any such attack upon the native Christians as is said to have been planned.

Has an International Bearing

Calais, Me., Dec. 15.—The trial of Albert French on the charge of illegal transportation of game was completed before Judge Fowler yesterday, who fined French $280 and costs. French entered an appeal. The importance of the question arises from the fact that a national law relating to transportation of game between states is now in force, but whether it prohibits international shipments of game is to be determined. French claims to have bought the deer in New Brunswick.

In the Race to Stay

New York, Dec. 15.—The leaders of 14 weary men, cycling six days for fame and money, at 12 o'clock last night had covered 2264 miles and 7 laps, with the third team just one lap behind. All the contestants in the big race are reported to be in such shape as will insure their continuing to the finish at 10 o'clock tonight. The leading teams in the race are Likes and McFarland and Pierce and McEachern.

To Look Into Alleged Fake

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Mayor Harrison has undertaken a personal investigation to ascertain whether or not the McGovern-Gans contest was a "fake." He declares that if the facts satisfy him that either or both the participants arranged to quit he will never issue another license to boxing promoters. Just how the mayor proposes getting at the bottom of the muddle is a mystery.

May Send Back Magyars

Boston, Dec. 15.—The poor Hungarian gypsies, or Magyars, who reached Boston recently by way of Canada, are becoming regarded as troublesome beggars by people in the quarters of the city to which they have scattered. The treasury department at Washington may take an interest in the case, and send them back.

Pingree's Proposition Carried

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 15.—By a vote of 69 to 12, the house yesterday passed a blanket ad valorum tax bill, providing for the taxation of railroads, express companies and telephone and telegraph companies upon the cash value of their property, instead of specifically upon their earnings as the present law provides.

Broker Convicted of Forgery

New York, Dec. 15.—Nathan Musher, who has been on trial for two weeks, was last night found guilty of forgery in the second degree. Musher is a broker. He was arrested in Europe on the charge of forging an endorsement to a note for $2000.

SENATE WOULD NOT SET DATE

Opposes Speedy Disposal of Hay-Pauncefote Treaty

Washington, Dec. 15.—After reporting to the senate in executive session yesterday, the new amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, as made by the committee on foreign relations, Senator Lodge made an effort to have a day set for the taking of a vote upon the treaty. He suggested next Thursday as the generally acceptable time, but did not succeed in getting the unanimous consent necessary.

Senator Mason first made objection, and when he withdrew it, Senator Money suggested that Senator Morgan had given notice that he would ask that the vote upon the treaty should be postponed until a vote could be secured upon the Nicaraguan canal bill. Senator Morgan, however, stated that he was not disposed to make that contention any longer, because he did not wish to do anything which would lead Great Britain to conclude that this country desires to take a threatening position.

Senator Butler then entered objection to fixing a time for a vote. Senator Lodge said that in view of the position taken, he should press the treaty upon the attention of the senate early and late, until a vote could be had, and he afterwards declined to move an adjournment until Monday, because of the refusal to allow a day to be named for a vote.

The senate committee on foreign relations yesterday held a special meeting and decided to recommend further amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The committee adopted an amendment suggested by Senator Foraker, which declares that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty supersedes the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and also strikes out of the Hay-Pauncefote agreement article 3, which reads:

"The high contracting parties will immediately upon the exchange of the ratifications of the convention bring it to the notice of the other powers, and invite them to adhere to it."

The second concession was the acceptance of an amendment setting forth that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty shall be regarded as superseded by the Hay-Pauncefote convention.

The action of the committee on foreign relations took place after a prolonged conference of senators especially interested in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The Republican members announced that they were prepared to amend the treaty on the lines of the Foraker suggestion; that they considered this amendment comprehensive enough to meet all demands, and that they would do no more. The Foraker amendment was accordingly agreed to.

The importance of the treaty relative to pending legislation was considered, and a decision was arrived at to press the agreement to a vote if possible. It was also decided that it would be difficult to get it through without still further amendment, and the Foraker amendment was suggested as meeting all the objections. The president and Secretary Hay were also consulted with reference to the advisability of further amending the treaty by Senators Lodge and Foraker, who called upon them before coming to the Capitol.

Notwithstanding what amounted to the authoritative denial that the secretary of state had resigned, the story persistently circulated during yesterday and finally reached the ears of some of Mr. Hay's fellow cabinet officers. These declared that nothing whatever was said at the cabinet meeting yesterday on this subject, and said even the treaty proceedings in the senate were not discussed. So, as before stated, it is not to be expected that there will be any change in the head of the state department, for the present, at least.

The house yesterday adjourned without disposing of more than half the war revenue reduction bill. General debate closed at 2 o'clock, after which the bill was opened to amendment, under the five-minute rule. A determined effort was made to reduce the tax on beer below the committee rate of $1.60 a barrel, but the ways and means committee overwhelmed the opposition.

The committee, however, sustained two signal defeats. In connection with the beer tax, Mr. Payne offered an amendment in the language of the bill passed by the house last session, designed to abolish the use of small beer packages, one-sixth and one-eighth barrels, but it was defeated by 85 to 94, after charges that its purpose was to crush out the small brewers.

Another defeat occurred in connection with the amendment offered by Mr. Smith of Michigan. The bill abolished the 1 cent stamp tax on express receipts and telegraph messages, but retained the tax on railroad and steamship freight receipts. Mr. Smith's amendment restored the tax on express receipts, and altered the form of the section so as to compel the company instead of the shipper to pay the tax.

The amendment precipitated a lively debate, in the course of which Mr. Smith made a personal allusion to a United States senator who is connected with one of the express companies. Mr. Payne vigorously fought the amendment, but it was carried, 123 to 106.

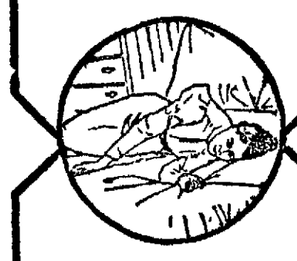
A Slight Setback

Boston, Dec. 15.—Dr. Putnam, who is attending former Governor Wolcott, says that his patient is not so well as for the past few days. He does not, however, feel that there is any greater danger than at any time during the patient's illness.

Prospect of Long Struggle

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 15.—Some 47 weavers left the mills yesterday and were added to the roll call of the strikers. Every prospect of a long battle is indicated by the activity of the strikers' committee.

Nervous Exhaustion



"Two years ago this summer I was in a miserable condition as the result of hard work. I was completely run down, pale and losing flesh, and so nervous that I could not sleep or even get rest. It was dreadful to go to bed at night all worn out and lie awake for hours with nervousness.

"My head troubled me a great deal, too, both with pain and dizziness. If I stooped over at any time I would be so dizzy I could hardly see or keep from falling down. If I became a little excited my hands would shake so I could hardly hold anything. I employed our best physicians, but not one of them did me any permanent good.

"I had, of course, read of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, but had never taken any of them till Mr. Robert Van Karen, of Jordan, recommended them to me so strongly, from his own experience, that I got some and before the first box was used I began to feel that they were doing me good. I kept on taking them according to directions and got from them the only real, permanent benefit I have had from any remedy. I am a firm believer in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Recent Improvement In All Lines of Trade Generally Maintained

New York, Dec. 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Holiday trade has increased moderately, and in wholesale staple lines no relapse is seen either in volume of transactions or in prices. Cold weather has helped New York, but it is still behind the rest of the country, for some recent losses from failures in the textile markets have fallen rather heavily here.

New England factories are mainly working on spring goods, and mail orders come freely from distant sections. Improvement is noticed in the local jobbing trade, aside from rubber goods, which are neglected. Sole leather is quiet and union backs weaker, but upper is remarkably active for the season. Stocks of glazed kid have been reduced.

Exports of cotton in November were valued at $15,034,071 more than in the same month last year, owing to an advance of 2.3 cents in price. A year ago the average export price was 2.1 cents above November, 1898, making 4.3 cents, or 82.7 percent advance in two years.

Cereals did not maintain their advance. Coffee has suffered from liberal receipts at Brazil ports.

Merchandise exports in November fell $26,638,773 behind the previous month, but exceeded every other month on record with a total of $136,678,594. Imports were $64,846,418, leaving a trade balance in our favor of $71,832,176.

Failures for the week were 240 in the United States, against 218 last year, and 26 in Canada, against 26 last year.

TO ESTABLISH A NEWSPAPER

Mr. Bryan Will Devote His Time to Editorial Work and Lecturing

Lincoln Neb., Dec. 15.—Mr. Bryan gave out the following interview this morning: "I have for several years had in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper, and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it.

"Intending to devote my life to the study and discussion of public questions, I have chosen this method because it will best accomplish the purposes which I have in view. Through such a paper I shall be able to keep in touch with social and political problems. The paper will, at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for my pecuniary needs, and this kind of work will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several years past.

"I expect to lecture occasionally, especially in college towns, where I can speak to students, but my principal work will be done with the pen, or, perhaps, I should say, with the pencil.

"The paper will be called The Commoner, and will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform. The first issue will appear in January. I shall be proprietor and editor."

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SEVEN PERSONS PERISHED IN FIRE

Six of Them Were Young Women Students in Normal School

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Seven persons perished in the fire which destroyed the Fredonia state normal and training school, at Fredonia yesterday. But one body has been recovered, and it is burned beyond recognition.

There were 75 young women students in the building. Of these six perished. The other victim was the aged janitor.

Many students, a matron and 50 other young women succeeded in escaping by descending the fire escapes. Janitor Morris evidently lost his life while fire fighting. Miss Maude Fizzell was at the head of the fire escape, and turned back into the building to save a diamond ring, thus losing her life. The others who perished suffocated without being able to find the fire escapes.

It is stated that heavy iron screens were firmly nailed across the windows leading to the fire escapes, and the only way the lucky ones escaped was by crawling through windows adjacent to the escapes, and then along the gutter of the mansard roof. Lawyers say there will be damage suits instituted against the state because of the fire escape screens.

A search for the remains is being made as rapidly as possible, but it is slow work digging over the acre of debris which is still burning. Principal Palmer estimates the loss at $200,000.

Nothing was saved from the magnificent building, not even the personal effects of the women in the dormitory or the valuable records of the school. Grief-stricken parents are arriving to assist in the search for their dead.

Mrs. McLean's Will

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Dewey, wife of the admiral, inherits $600,000 through the death of her mother, Mrs. Mary L. McLean. The will, which has just been filed in Washington, was drawn on Dec. 17, 1896, but a codicil, executed Feb. 4, 1900, after the marriage of the admiral, provided that if there is no lineal descendant then the property reverts to the persons who would be, if the testatrix were living, her heirs at law. By this provision no share of the estate can go to Admiral Dewey or his relatives.

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PALATIAL STEAMERS
Modern, Safe Fast, Average Voyage under 7 Days

Boston to Queenstown and Liverpool
Sailing from B. & M. R.R. Docks as follows.

New England, 11600 tons, Jan. 2 and Jan. 30.
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Saloon passage $60 and upwards. 2d cabin $37.50; 3d class at low rates.

CHRISTMAS SAILINGS

New England and Commonwealth sailing from Boston December 5 and 12 and the DOMINION from Portland December 8 are specially scheduled to land passengers on the ship side in ample time for THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IN

THE OLD COUNTRY

The Continent and SCANDINAVIA

Portland, Me., Liverpool Service

Saloon $52.50; 2d cabin $35; 3d class $26. First class rail tickets to Portland included. For passage plans and information apply to the Company's offices, 77 State St. Boston, or R. L. Haskins, or Tinker & Ransford, Agents, North Adams.

W. H. Gaylord

If in doubt what to buy for your friends and family for

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Just visit our store and see what useful and pretty things you can get for a little money, such as pretty handkerchiefs and aprons, kid gloves, pocketbooks and leather bags, umbrellas, silk and fancy sofa pillows and fancy pin cushions

What a nice present for a lady, young or old, a pattern of French silk serge silk or French flannel for a shirt waist, all the pretty shades to choose from. The style of

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A deep cut in prices on all jackets, perfect fitting, best of make and latest styles. Every lady prizes real tortoise shell ornaments. Your gift will be sure to please if it is a real shell comb or pins. Goods direct from manufacturers.

Prices Low for Best of Goods

Sterling silver novelties in useful up-to-date goods. Come and see for yourself at

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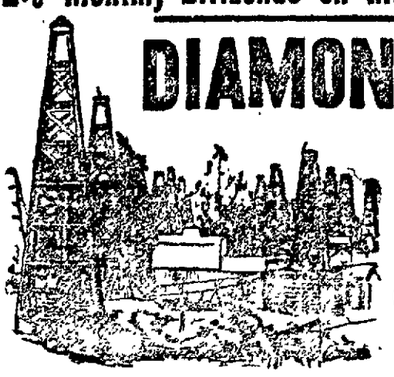

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Of Los Angeles, California.

Capital Stock, $250,000.
Par Value of Shares, $1.

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DEPOSITORY, THE CALIFORNIA BANK, LOS ANGELES.

GREAT Excitement in California Oil Fields has been caused by the wonderful strikes recently made there. Fortunes are being made as in the early days of the oil business in Pennsylvania, and companies operating in these rich fields are earning handsome dividends for their stockholders. The San Francisco Petroleum Company, recently purchased by the Standard Oil Company, has produced over $27,000,000 in oil. The stock of the Home Oil Company, which sold for a few dollars per share a short time ago cannot be purchased to day for less than $4,000 per share. Other companies show very large advances in the price of their shares, sufficient in many cases to make fortunes for the holders of their stock.

The Diamond Star Oil Company

owns and is operating twelve (12) producing wells right in the richest part of this region, and has in addition 160 acres of wonderfully productive territory in the famous Newhall Oil Fields. The company is paying

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with every prospect of increasing this rate to 5 per cent. monthly in the near future.

A Limited Amount of Stock is offered Investors at 25 cents per share, subject to an advance in price without notice.

The proceeds of this sale are to be devoted to the drilling of new wells, thus materially increasing the earning capacity of the company.

The Diamond Star Oil Company has at its head a man whose family name (the Schermerhorns, father and sons, of New York) is closely identified with the history of the oil industry of the United States. Its President, Mr. F. V. Schermerhorn, has had a wide range of experience as an expert in the examination and selection of oil lands, in the producing and marketing of the crude oils and their varied products; in erecting derricks, boiler rigs, and pumping plants, and in the drilling of hundreds of wells in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and California.

YOUR INVESTMENT GUARANTEED.

So confident is the company that the price of its shares will advance to a much higher figure within the next few months, and so firm is their belief that dividends of 5 per cent. per month will also be earned, that they will give a written agreement with every share of stock sold, to return principal, with 8 per cent. added, at any time within one year, if desired by the investor. Apply at once for further particulars.

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Suits and Overcoats on account of the warm weather must be sacrificed. We will sell them at 20 per cent discount.

200 canvass coats, inter-rubber lined, regular price $2, going at 98 cents.

Sheep skin lined coats from $3.50 up.

A Chance for Mothers

Special sale of boys' and children's suits at prices that will surprise you. A nice Christmas present.

Christmas Goods

Neckwear in great assortment, underwear, fancy hosiery, sweaters, hats and caps, suit cases, and in fact a big assortment to choose from.

Come in and get bargains. We bought our goods to sell, we will sell them if prices talk.

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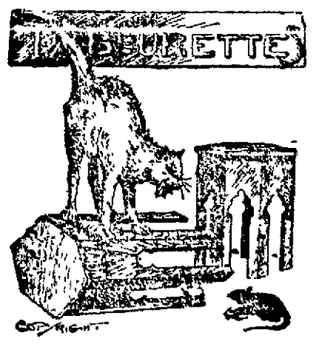
We wish to emphasize the fact that we can give the best accommodations in the city for wheel parties, clubs or banquets, having as we do ample space for social entertainment with banquet hall and dressing rooms.

Also that with reasonable notice for 50 or more the passageway between the hotel and Odd Fellows' hall will be opened for parties wishing to enjoy oysters, salads, ices, etc. at prices consistent with the service.

Our Sunday dinners are still meeting with great favor and we continue to solicit the patronage of the people.

We also solicit catering at private houses and for organizations at their halls.

Holiday Attractions in Abundance---



Take the time to look in my show windows and see the beautiful designs displayed in MUSIC CABINETS, LADIES' DESKS, OAK or MAHOGANY, TABOURETTES, in mahogany, Golden Oak Flemish oak, etc. My ware rooms are ever crowded with goods, especially selected for the Christmas trade. Send in the children, let them see what Santa Claus can find here. We have Sleds, Go Carts, Shoo Fly, Rocking Chairs, Doll Carriages, etc., for the little ones.

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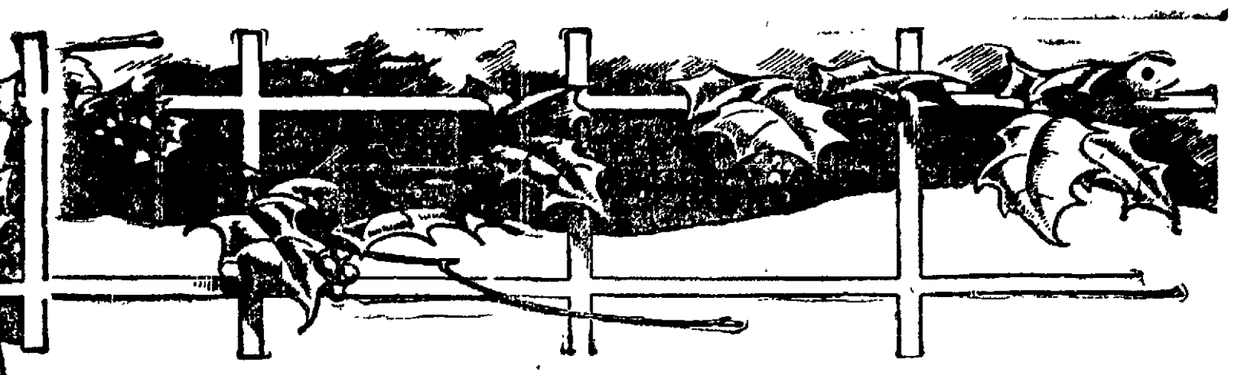

CHRISTMAS 1900

Our store has put on its gayest holiday dress; in every corner of our store is a real, genuine Christmas look; a good place to do your Christmas Shopping. We have been making great preparations for our Christmas selling, and now we offer an immense assortment of useful and ornamental

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Santa Claus Will Be Here.....

Again this year Santa Claus will make his headquarters at our store.
He will come Monday and be here every day until Christmas.
Bring the children, the more the merrier.
Give them all a chance to see a real, live Santa Claus.

Umbrellas

AS MOST USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

We've been making a reputation for the past few Holiday seasons as headquarters for CHRISTMAS GIFT UMBRELLAS; this year we have made a large increase in our stock. We offer a larger variety of styles, more different qualities and a greater range of prices than ever. Prices from which to make a choice:

Umbrellas 50c
Umbrellas 75c
Umbrellas $1.00
Umbrellas $1.25
Umbrellas $2.00
Umbrellas $2.25
Umbrellas $2.50
Umbrellas $2.75
Umbrellas $3.00
Umbrellas $3.25
Umbrellas $3.50
Umbrellas $4.00
Umbrellas $4.50
Umbrellas $5.00
Umbrellas $5.75
Umbrellas $6.00

Men's Neckwear

A wide range of carefully selected styles and new patterns in men's choice neckwear which offer good chances for those in search of a desirable, useful Christmas gift.

AT 50 CENTS.

Tecks, Puffs ,Four.in.Hands and Imperials in large assortment of new silks, light and dark colors.

AT 25 CENTS.

String Ties, Bat-wings and Tecks in neat silk, very good values.

Fancy silk elastic Arm-bands, one pair in a box, good assortment of colors, 25 cents and 50 cents.

Men's fancy silk embroidered suspenders, the serviceable kind, good Christmas values at 50 and 75 cents.

Collar and Cuff Boxes, large assortment, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50 and $2.25.

Men's Flannelette Night Shirts, good warm attractive kind for Christmas gifts at 58c, 69c, 87½c, $1.00 and $1.25

Hosiery and Underwear

A big stock of hosiery and underwear for Christmas Gift Giving, we've made great preparations for a big Christmas hosiery trade, and we shall offer Christmas values which we unhesitatingly say you will find it absolutely impossible to duplicate, in any other Dry Goods store in North Adams.

2 pair of ladies' fast black cotton hose Hermsdorf dye, double sole, spliced heel and toe, ribbed and plain top, put up 3 pairs in a box an unusually good Christmas value 3 pairs for $1.00.

Ladies' fast black cotton hose, ribbed or plain top, all black or black with white sole, 50 cents pair.

Large stock of fancy Hose for Christmas business 25c, 37c, 39c, 50c to $1.00 pair.

Christmas Underwear, good value 50c, 62c, 87½c, $1.00 $1.25, $1.50, $1.75.

Christmas Dolls

A feast for the children, bring them to see our dolls, never in North Adams has there been shown such an assortment of dolls at such popular prices as we offer them now, big dolls little dolls, dressed dolls, undressed dolls, kid body dolls and jointless. Just a glance at the prices and you may be sure our prices are lowest. These are shown in the millinery department.

Dolls ..... 5 cents
Dolls ..... 10 cents
Dolls ..... 15 cents
Dolls ..... 19 cents
Dolls ..... 25 cents
Dolls ..... 40 cents
Dolls ..... 48 cents
Dolls ..... 50 cents
Dolls ..... 59 cents
Dolls ..... 75 cents
Dolls ..... 98 cents
Dolls $1.00
Dolls $1.25
Dolls $1.43
Dolls $1.50
Dolls $1.75
Dolls up to $3.98

Sterling Silver Novelties

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING.

AT TEN CENTS.

A very attractive assortment of ebonoid toilet pieces, sterling silver trimmings, also sterling silver toilet pieces, extra good value for ten cents.

AT 25 CENTS.

A large assortment of ebonoid toilet pieces, also large lot of sterling silver toilet pieces at 25 cents each.

At 39 cents, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $3.00, we have sterling silver and ebony Christmas novelties offering special Christmas inducements.

Our assortment of ebonoid and sterling silver Christmas is very large and offered at special Christmas gift prices.

Pocketbooks,

FINGER PURSES; USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS.

We have an immense assortment of leather pocketbooks, finger purses and chatelaine bags in good assortment of leathers, priced especially for Christmas

200 leather pocketbooks, new narrow shapes, black, brown and green 25 cents each.

100 pocketbooks, plain black leather, also black leather with metal corners at 39c.

Leather pocketbooks, new shapes, black and colors, some plain, some with metal corners, a number of styles 50 cents each.

Special designs in Christmas pocketbooks new shapes and leathers 25c to $2.00 each. Price we know you will find reasonable.

Brass Mirrors

We are offering a choice well selected stock of brass mirrors, and picture frames, warranted not to tarnish, good Christmas values 50c to $3.50.

Gloves for Christmas

Our Glove Department, Extreme front of store

Trefousse Gloves, real French kid, best quality, all colors, 3 clasp, a good Christmas Gift, at $2.

Heavy street Gloves, Fownes Dogskin Mannish style, all shades, 2 clasp, Price $1.50 pair.

Trefousse Kid Gloves, suede and glace, all new colors, 3 clasp. Price $1.50 pair.

Our Special brands Andre and Victoria Kid Gloves, an immense stock for our Christmas trade, the best glove we know at $1 pair.

Woelen Golf Gloves, plaids and stripes, 25, 50 and 75 cents pair.

Fans for Christmas gifts

This Christmas we offer especially well assorted stock of fans at very low prices, good qualities, 25c to $2.50 each.

Atomizers

Large stock of Atomizers, good assortment, 25c, 39c, 50c, 75c, $1 and $1.25.

Fancy Christmas Neckwear

We offer some exceptional shapes in lace, silk and chiffons, all new colorings, each collar put up one in a box, 50c, 75c, $1, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $1.98 up to $5 each.

Christmas Furs

Scarfs, Boas and Collarettes in the season's newest shapes, purchased especially for our Christmas Gift Selling. We assure you that our assortment is large, furs are very best grades and prices reasonable. Prices range from $1.98 to $30.

Muslin Underwear

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We have just received a very choice assortment of fine Muslin Underwarments especially for our Christmas trade.

Nothing would be appreciated more as a Christmas gift than some fine Underwear.

White Skirts

Umbrella Skirts of fine white muslin, wide ruffle edge with Torchon lace, Christmas Gift Price 98 cents.

Umbrella Skirts of extra good muslin, wide flounces, two rows of fine Torchon and edged with wide lace trimming, narrow dust ruffle, Christmas Gift Price $1.25.

Fine White Skirts, very best muslin, two flounces, edged with lace, one row lace insertion and six narrow tucks on upper ruffle, Christmas Gift Price $2.25.

Fine Umbrella Skirt, wide flounce, wide Hamburg embroidery, 5 rows of tucking, wide dust ruffle, Christmas Gift Price $2.50.

Umbrella Skirt, best cotton, wide flounce, three rows Point de Paris insertion, bow knot design, five rows of tucking and wide Point de Paris lace trimming, Christmas Gift Price $3.50. Skirts range in price from 39c to $4.50.

Corset Covers

Corset Covers at 25c, a very large assortment in a variety of styles, high neck, low neck, and round neck shapes, the very best line of 25c Corset Covers ever shown for Christmas trade.

French Creset Covers, round low neck shape, lawn ruffle, edged with narrow Valenciennes lace, Christmas Gift Price 50 cents.

French Corset Covers, low neck, trimmed with lace insertion and trimming to match, Christmas Gift Price 50 cents.

Corset Covers, low neck, trimmed wide Hamburg edging, neatly finished with heading and wide ribbon, Christmas Gift Price 89 cents.

We have received for our Christmas display a very choice assortment of fine Corset Covers which we have priced 25c, 39c, 45c, 50c, 75c, 89c, $1.00, $1.25, and $1.50.

Night Robes

Night Robes, Empire style, yoke of two rows, wide collar and rever of wide embroidery, sleeves trimmed to match, Christmas Price $1.25.

Night Robes of heavy white muslin, yoke of fine Hamburg insertion and fine tucking, wide ruffle on neck, bottom of yoke and sleeves, Christmas Gift Price $1.39.

A very choice assortment of Christmas night robes 50c to $4.50 each.

Flannelette Night Robes

Heavy Flannelette Night Robes, in good stripe patterns, yoke of plain colors, collar, sleeves and yoke trimmed with featherstitch braids. Christmas Gift Price $1.

Flannelette Night Robes 65c, 75c, 85c, 90c, $1, $1.25, $1.39, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 and $2.50.

Christmas Linens,

Fine Heavy Linen Damask Towels, very smooth finish, with heavy knotted fringe, 25 cents each or 50 cents pair.

Very Fine Heavy Damask Towels, 20x40 inches, very handsome patterns, two rows of drawn work and one row of hemstitching at each end, 50 cents each or $1 pair.

Very fine heavy Huckabuck Towels, damask patterns, hemstitched, 22x42 inches, extra good value and worth much more than we ask, 50 cents each or $1 pair.

We offer a very choice stock of finest Huckabuck Towels, very large size, hemstitched, 75 cents each or one half dozen for $4.

Very heavy fine finish Damask and Huckabuck Towels, drawn work and hemstitched border. Especially desirable as Christmas Gifts at $1 each or $5.50 for one half dozen.

Linen Tray Cloths, a good assortment for Christmas trading, 25c, 39c, 50c, 75c and 89c.

Linen Damask, 68 inches wide, choice patterns extra fine grade, 75 cents a yard.

Fine Linen Damask, 72 inches wide, very choice patterns at $1.00 yard.

Fine Table Linens, 50 cents to $1.75 yard.

Fine Pattern Linen Table Cloths, ranging in prices from $1.25 to $7.50 each.

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An immense stock of Handkerchiefs; needless to say more, you all know the reputation this store has for Christmas Handkerchiefs. We are known far and wide as the "Handkerchief House" of Western Massachusetts! Everyone knows the qualities of our goods, the low price and inducements which our Handkerchief stock offers you. This year there are more Handkerchiefs than ever See our immense Handkerchief display at our center Handkerchief counter, extreme front of store.

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Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 5c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 37½c, 50c, 75c, 89c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.39, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00.

Ladies' Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs, 12½c, 15c, 25c, 39c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $3.00 to $7.50 each.

Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, 5c, 10c, 12½c, 25c, 37½c, 50c.

200 dozen Ladies Unlaundered Pure Linen Hand Drawn Handkerchiefs, 12½c. each.

Ladies' Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, ½ dozen in box, 75 cents box.

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FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Big assortment of fancy Pin Cushions, lace and ribbon effects, 29c to $2 each. Plain satin covered Pin Cushions 10 cents to 50 cents each.

Sofa Pillows, silk and embroidered covers $2 to $5 each.

Burnt Leather Novelties, tobacco pouches, calendars, pen wipers, match safes, etc., 25 cents to $1 each.

Leather Pillow covers, wide leather fringe, burnt with Indian heads, the rage of the season, including Pillow, $4.50 each.

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Our Book Department offers big inducements to book buyers.

These popular books at popular prices:

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A Friend of Caesar.
Alice of Old Vincennes.
Hugh Wynne.
The Master Christian.
My New Curate.
Philip Winwood
To Have and to Hold.
The Legionaries.
A Modern Mercenary.
Eben Holden.
Quisante.
And a host of others.
Boys Henty Books 25 and 50 cents.
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Young People's Library, about 100 titles, handsome covers and bindings, 35 cents each. We offer an immense assortment of gift books at almost every price in handsome bindings.

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The Cloak Department

Cloaks as Christmas Gifts

Are practicable, serviceable and will be appreciated. We reduce the price of every Jacket and Suit in stock for our Christmas trade. This is the first time that we have made a price cut and the cut is a most decisive one.

It will pay you to do your Christmas Cloak buying at our store.

$20.00 and $22.00 Jackets are $15.00.
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Children's Cloaks, sizes 2, 3 and 4 years, at $3.50 $4.50 and $5.00.

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Silk Waists

A big stock of Silk Waists at special Christmas Prices; every grade up to $8.00 and $10.00 each.

A SILK WAIST IS A VERY DESIRABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT.

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FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

All Wool Smyrna Rugs

16x30	75c.
26x60	$1.75
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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.—John A. Andrew.

MEMBERS ASSOCIATED PRESS

The latest telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the world are received exclusively by the Transcript up to the hour of going to press.

WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY

From seal of the city of North Adams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 15, 1900

ADVERTISERS in the Transcript are the best business men in the community. Their advertisements are worth reading and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

MAKE IT UNANIMOUS

The last week of the campaign ends with Mayor Wilkinson so far in the lead that there is no competitor in sight.

Every voter should go to the polls next Tuesday and help give the mayor the endorsement he deserves.

Re-election should be given him unanimously.

GLEASON A WINNER

In the only contest in the campaign, the contest for the office of assessor, Gleason, the republican candidate, is coming out a winner.

He has his opponent defeated now, but his friends must continue to work till the polls close.

The republicans should have a member on the board of assessors and are going to have one in Mr. Gleason.

Mr. Gleason is well fitted for the office, besides being a good republican.

LICENSE AND CITY FINANCES

The license question as it bears upon the city finances comes up indirectly in the Transcript interview with Mayor Wilkinson. The mayor handles the situation impartially. If elected—of which there is not a particle of doubt—he is prepared to meet the problem with or without the revenue derived from licenses.

We do not believe that the city will "no." However, few will fail to observe the striking difference that a "no" majority would make in next year's administration, as forecasted by Mayor Wilkinson. With anticipated receipts the same as this year we can have $1 reduction in the tax rate and the payment of at least $10,000 of the city debt. With the anticipated receipts reduced by the sum obtainable from licenses we shall have the tax rate increased by $1 instead of reduced and with no reduction in public debt.

This presents the business side of license forcibly. The people may take their choice.

THE FUTURE

The Transcript prints today an interview with Mayor Wilkinson that must prove of deep interest to every taxpayer, in fact to all the people. It is a bright future that the mayor holds out to us. A tax rate reduced to $18.50 on the $1000 and a reduction of the public debt by at least $10,000 is a very engaging picture to look upon.

Mayor Wilkinson can make his promise come true and will make it come true. No man knows public affairs better than he. When he says a certain result can be obtained in the city finances it may be set down at once in everybody's mind that that result can be obtained. And when he promises the people a certain result everybody may at once come to the conclusion that that result will be brought about. He knows what he is talking about and he always means what he says.

The city is well pleased with Mayor Wilkinson's administration. The small reduction in the public debt accomplished this year has been accepted as a very gratifying beginning. Naturally the question regarding the future was raised. It was wondered whether the downward tendency of the public debt could be maintained, or whether next year we were likely to lose as much as we had gained this year. Mayor Wilkinson's statements to the Transcript answer the question. They inform us, on the best of authority, that the future has further reductions instead of increases. A real lightening of the tax burden and a very substantial reduction in the public debt are at hand.

This prospect, after all the years of heavy expenditure and weighty tax burdens, is most agreeable and should make the people feel that the long looked for relief has actually come.

Mr. Wilkinson is indisputably the man for the office of mayor.

Another quiet week.

It's all over but the voting.

Everybody should vote next Tuesday.

In fact everybody should vote for Wilkinson next Tuesday.

Will Gleason exceed the 200 lead his friends have set for him?

Mayor Wilkinson's statement regarding next year shows his grasp of public affairs. The mayor has practically lived with public affairs most of his life.

It must be admitted that North Adams cannot improve on her present mayor. She has many capable men, but none is so well fitted for head of the city government as Mr. Wilkinson. This cannot be denied. He has inaugurated an altogether new public policy, a policy firm, conservative and economical without being penny wise.

The public will uphold Mr. Wilkinson, we believe, in his policy not to cut down necessary appropriations should the city vote "no-license" and the large license revenue be cut off. Evidently the mayor believes the people know what they are doing and that if they vote "no" they are prepared to accept the financial condition that such a vote will develop.

Will Editor Chase please explain why the argument he used to get on to the board of county commissioners is not to be used in advancing the candidacy of Mr. Gleason for assessor? If Mr. Chase can give us a good reason for the democrats monopolizing the board of assessors we should like to have it. We have not yet learned that a "close corporation" of democrats is better than any other kind.

The Stone Bruise on the Heel

Back in our sunny youthful days when
life was a summer dream,
When all the bells of boyhood had a
clear, harmonious ring,
When from the pan of earthly milk we
skimmed but pleasure's richest
cream,
And birds of joy around our heads
were ever on the wing,
There came some cares to cloud our
lives, but even they were silver
lined,
The boyish ills which every kid was
surely doomed to feel,
And when in a reflective mood how
vividly we call to mind
That ever envied boy who had a stone
bruise on his heel.

He'd sit around the old school ground
and watch the other kids at play
His foot bound up in poulticed rags
and nursed with tender care;
Though suffering from stinging pains
his heart would dance in frisky
way
While acting as the referee of games
with kingly air,
His schoolmates all would gather
'round and screw their faces out
of form,
As if imagining his pains they really
could feel;
Each boyish heart completely filled—
though it with sympathy was
warm—
With envy for the kid who had a
stone bruise on his heel.

Sometimes he'd take the bandage off
and let us gaze upon the prize,
With many a caution not to touch
the spot so red and "swell,"
And at the treasure we would peer with
envy in our boyish eyes,
Because he didn't have to go to
school till it got well.
We'd hear the clang of that old bell
loud ringing on the summer air,
And see the master in the door with
eyes as cold as steel,
And off we'd have to hurry to our
books and leave him sitting there
Outside, the lucky boy who had a
stone bruise on his heel.

We've felt the flush of victory when
we'd accomplish something great
Have glowed with satisfaction over
some success in life,
Have felt our heart with manly pride
and overflowing joy dilate
When we had won a gallant fight in
earth's unceasing strife,
But never did our bosom with the same
sort of emotion swell,
And never a more thrilling sense of
pleasure feel,
Than when we'd watch the other boys
obey the clanging old school bell
While we would loaf around and
nurse a stone bruise on our heel.

—Denver Post.

SEEN AND HEARD

In naming the Blackinton library the "Oscar A. Archer" branch of the North Adams library, the trustees paid a deserved tribute to Mr. Archer, and one that those who know what he has done for the library of Blackinton appreciate. Mr. Archer has given much time and thought to the building up of a library of which any small community might well feel proud, and such work deserves more recognition than often greets it.

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The board of health owes it to the city to add to its list of contagious diseases the gold mine fever, and to keep a record of its victims week by week.

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The sixth in the series of Seen and Heard sermons on nineteenth century vanities is addressed "To those who vote." By the decision of a great republic, and not by choice of the preacher, this is a sermon to men only. It is earnestly to be hoped that the twentieth century will find time to open the ballot marking booth to women, as a simple matter of justice. Not that women want to vote, nor that men want to have them, nor that better results would be secured. Not very many women would vote if they had the chance, and there is reason to believe that a good many men vote only to tantalize their wives by doing something that the latter cannot do. Many men smoke for the same reason. And when the women take up smoking as they seem likely to do, many a man will give up the weed in disgust. So with voting, which as applied to men only has been one of the developments of the nineteenth century. When the women can vote, they won't care to, thank you, and the men, seeing that its something anybody can do, will gradually realize that there's no extra prestige attached to a visit to the polls, and will conclude to let their wives do the whole thing for the family if they want to. If the wives don't think it worth while to have the family represented, why should the husbands? The men will be treating the ballot practically as they now do the church. The result of this will be that false motives for voting will be removed, only those who are really interested will vote, the moral tone of elections will be elevated, and the world will be better in another way. The lesson of the day, then, to those who vote, is, demand the suffrage for women, and help the new century in the work the 19th has prepared for it, the extension of moral value to the ballot.

LOCAL NEWS.

CHRISTMAS KILLS THEATERS

Many Companies "Laying Off," Some of Them Here. Local Attractions

The local theatres next week will suffer in common with theatres throughout the country, from the coming holiday. The week before Christmas is the poorest of the year in the show business, and many of the companies "lay off" for the week. People's minds are too intent on Christmas shopping to take kindly to the play, and there is little use in attempting much. This city will have only two attractions during the week, one at each house, and neither of them of much importance. Tuesday evening the Columbia will have "A Breezy Time," and Saturday afternoon and evening the Richmond will have Martin's "Uncle Tom's cabin."

The "Uncle Tom's cabin" company will arrive here tomorrow afternoon and will spend the week here doing nothing until Saturday night. It is a company of 65, and its scenery will be stored for the week on the Richmond stage. This stage will also have the scenery of the George W. Wilson repertoire company, which is not playing next week, and the "Zephra" scenery, so that its storage capacity will be pretty well taxed. The Martin company travels in its own cars, in which the members will live during the week.

Next Friday evening the "Uncle Tom's cabin" company will give a street parade in the evening, with torches, something of a novelty for a theatrical company. The company is large enough to make a very sizeable showing in this way.

"A breezy time" is to be presented by Fitz and Webster's comedians, and contains many new things for this season. The three acts of the comedy serve largely as a setting to an olio of specialties, the biggest one of all being the cakewalk with which the play ends. The story of the play is that of a young student who is in love with a young girl, and whose creditors stand in the way of his marriage. Tickets are now on sale at Hastings' drug store. The following sample of a collection sent in by the press agent will show what he thinks of the production: "A flash and crash, a whirl and a swish, an electric magnetic, systematic combine of grotesque, eccentric and pretty figures extolling a veritable cyclone of fresh, breezy acts and tuneful melodies loaded with the distilled essence of parody and fun. That's "A breezy time" to a dot. How the clever ecomiques, Miss Webster and Mr. Fitz ever succeeded in gathering such a quantity of clever materials and so many bright ideas for an evening's entertainment is a pleasant surprise to the most habitual theater goer. No hitch or break, wait or delay mars the continuous charge of action."

The Morrison comedy company ends a fairly successful week at the Columbia this evening with a production of "The diamond bracelet robbery." The company is rather better than the average of popular price organizations, and the pieces given have been pleasing to fair sized audiences. The versatility of the company was shown yesterday afternoon when the affair occurred which is more fully set forth in the police court news of this issue. This happened about 3.15, and before the matinee was over one of the topical songs had contained a stanza about it.

"Go-won-go-Mohawk and her company of Indians, scouts, Mexicans, ponies and other paraphernalia for the production of "The flaming arrow," will be at the Richmond this evening. It is a novel form of dramatic entertainment, under the management of Lincoln J. Carter, and has been highly praised in other cities.

So far the city has not had a comic opera of any kind this season, "Jack and the beanstalk," being the nearest approach to one. Theater goers are beginning to long for one, but the demand is apparently not, to be met, as there is none booked until late in the season when "Princess Chic" is booked for the Richmond. It is probable, however, that one will be booked before that time. Among the attractions of note which will follow Christmas week at the Richmond are the following: January 7, a Charles Frohman comedy; January 11, Mildred Holland in "The power behind the throne"; January 15, Stuart Robson in "Oliver Goldsmith"; February 1 and 2, the Tremont theater production of "The dairy farm."

Lincoln J. Carter, owner of "The flaming arrow," has a comunication in this week's Dramatic Mirror, bewailing the evil fortunes of the average one night stand at the present time. He says that managers of reputable shows are forced to compete with managers who do not pretend to pay their salary lists, and he calls for a meeting of managers to be held in New York to see what can be done to improve the situation.

Tickets for the free school children's performance on the Monday afternoon before Christmas in the Richmond theater, will be given out to the pupils of the schools Monday afternoon. The distribution is in the hands of the teachers, and an effort will be made to accomplish the purpose of the affair by seeing that children who cannot well afford to see entertainments, get the tickets. The George Wilson company will open its week's engagement by this free performance. Miss Agnes Farnum, the leading lady for the Wilson company, is a summer resident of North Pownal.

The New Greylock Road

The selectmen of Lanesboro have completed the new road that has been built around Pratt hill and it is now being used by the few saunterers, who like to take a winter's trip to Greylock. The new section has cost about $400, and with a maximum grade of 7½ per cent, is a great improvement over the old road, which has an incline of 21 per cent. The road will probably not be accepted by the county until next spring.

It is expected that at the regular January meeting the board will make an appropriation of several thousand dollars for further work on the new Greylock road on which some $6500 was spent this year. It is hardly expected, though, the amount will be sufficient to complete the road next season.

Bennington to Lose Factory

Charles E. Bruce of Elmira, N. Y., manager of the Campbell knitting company at Bennington, Vt., states that the company will cease to do business in Bennington and that the machinery will be moved to Elmira, where the company operates another knit goods establishment. Nearly five weeks ago Mr. Bruce made a cut in the wages of the employes of the Bennington mill and the help went out on strike. The employes say they will return to work only on the full restoration of the old scale of wages, and Mr. Bruce states that it is impossible to pay such wages and live. The company is the successor of the late William Campbell and has done business in Bennington for about two years. Nearly 200 hands were employed.

Charity Ball Arrangements

Charity ball arrangements have been nearly completed, and are practically the same as last year. Entrance will be through the Wellington, where the dressing rooms will be located, and the parlors and corridors of the hotel will be open to the guests. Supper will be served in the hotel dining rooms from 12 to 1.30, and tickets for it will be sold at the ball, the price having been set at $1 each. Lemonade will be served during the evening in an anteroom.

Local Representative of Italian Consul

The general Italian consul of the United States, Comm. Brancisi of New York, has appointed Cesar Cesana of this city, his special delegate, giving him full power to represent the consulate of Italy in all matters pertaining to the military service of Italian subjects residents of America. Heretofore the consul of Boston had charge of this entire district.

The No-License Rally

The announcement of a no-license rally in Odd Fellows' hall tomorrow evening aroused more interest than anything else has done in the campaign so far, and it is likely to be the only rally of the campaign. Lawyer C. A. Parker will preside, and in addition to those mentioned yesterday, Rev. E. C. Farwell of Williamstown will be present and speak.

No More Congressmen

The Washington correspondent of the Springfield Republican says that in the apportionment of congressmen, it seems likely that this state may not get an additional member, if the reapportionment is made on the plans now proposed.

Estate of Arthur Robinson

The inventory of the estate of the late Arthur Robinson of this city was filed in Pittsfield today, and showed personal property amounting to $2960.

The Christmas number of the Sunday Republican will appear tomorrow. It will contain many attractive pictures, entertaining stories, and readable special articles. It will be a beautiful and interesting newspaper. Don't miss it. Five cents everywhere.

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CHRISTMAS BOXES.
CHRISTMAS JEWELRY.
CHRISTMAS STERLING SILVER.
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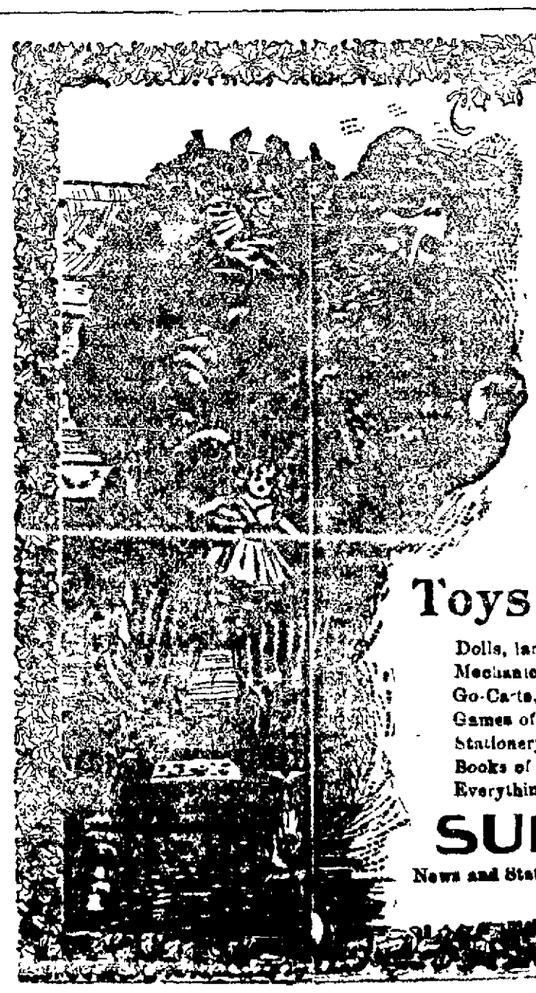

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News items of interest are gladly received by the Transcript, and should be left at the office as early in the day as possible.

Communication on live topics are solicited by the Transcript. They must in every case be accompanied by the names of the writers (not necessarily for publication if good reason for witholding them is shown) and must be brief to insure publication.

Notices of meetings and events intended for the "Tonight's Events" department must be left at the office by 10 o'clock in the morning to insure insertion.

The Transcript's telephone number for counting room and news department is 230.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1492—Columbus landed at Santo Domingo.
1861—Earl Stanhope, English political and scientific writer, died; born 1753.
1840—Napoleon's remains deposited in a crypt in the chapel of the Hotel des Invalides, Paris.
1873—Agassiz, the celebrated American naturalist, died at Cambridge, Mass.; born 1807.
1885—Robert Toombs, Confederate general and statesman, died at Washington, Ga.; born 1810.
1890—Sitting Bull, the notorious Sioux, who claimed to have directed the Custer massacre, killed while resisting the Indian police in South Dakota.
1895—Randall Lee Gibson, ex-Confederate general, senator and United States senator for Louisiana, died at Hot Springs, Ark.; born 1832.
1896—Alexander Salvini, actor, son of the celebrated Tommaso Salvini, died in Florence; born 1861.
1900—General Buller's column marching to the relief of Ladysmith, repulsed by the Boers at the crossing of Tugela river with a loss of 11 cannon.

CHURCH SERVICES TOMORROW

Congregational—Rev. A. E. Wright, pastor of the Universalist church, will preach in the morning. In the evening the pastor, Rev. W. L. Tenney, will preach the last in his series of sermons on the 19th century outlooks, the subject being, "The heroism and achievements of modern missions."

BAPTIST—The pastor, Rev. J. H. Spencer, will preach in the morning on "The church manifesting Christ," and in the evening on "The pharisee and publican."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—The subject for tomorrow's service in the Chestnut street chapel is "Is the universe, including man, evolved by atomic force."

ADVENT CHRISTIAN—The pastor, L. D. Buro, will preach in the morning on "The life that never fails to make its impression," and in the evening on "Legalizing rum, and realizing ruin." The services are held in Grand Army hall.

UNIVERSALIST—Rev. W. L. Tenney, pastor of the Congregational church, will preach in the morning, and in the evening there will be a short service with special music.

METHODIST—Miss Miranda Crouch-er, a missionary from China, will speak in the morning and the pastor, Rev. J. A. Hamilton, will preach in the evening.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL—The services tomorrow will be conducted by the rector, Rev. J. C. Tebbetts, and will be as follows: 7.30 a. m., holy communion; 10 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

ST. FRANCIS ROMAN CATHOLIC—The services for tomorrow are as follows: Masses at 7, 8.30, 9.30 and 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; vespers at 4 p. m.

NOTRE DAME ROMAN CATHOLIC—The services for tomorrow will be as follows: Masses at 7.30, 8.30, 9.30 and 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; vespers at 4 p. m.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Local News on Pages 4, 5 and 8.

—Miss Mary Smith of the Pittsfield telephone exchange has been transferred to this city.

—Mrs. Greeley will speak at the 3 and 7 o'clock meetings of the rescue mission tomorrow and there will be special music.

—James Whalen and Messrs. Armstrong and Yarter of this city left this week to take courses in plumbing in the New York trade school.

—Mrs. H. J. Millard has gone to Marlboro to spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph E. Stevens, to whom a son was born a few weeks ago.

—The delay of trains on the Fitchburg division has made many of the mails late recently, and patrons of the postoffice have begun to object to the delay in receiving letters.

—Rev. W. L. Tenney, pastor of the Congregational church, and Rev. A. E. Wright, pastor of the Universalist church, will exchange pulpits tomorrow morning.

—Cards were issued yesterday for the marriage of Senator William Tolman of Pittsfield and Miss Jennie M. Pease of Lee at St. George's church, Lee, on the 26th at 6 o'clock.

—W. F. Darby, R. B. Harvie and George H. Kearn of this city are among the supporters of Major Charles G. Davis as candidate for sergeant at arms in the state house.

—The 20th century club will hold a dance in Grand Army hall on New Year's eve and will watch the new century in with music and with dance. The Ideal orchestra will furnish music.

—The social committee of the American Order of Foresters gave a dance in their rooms Friday evening which was attended by about 50 couples. Dancing was from 8 until 10 o'clock with an intermission for refreshments. A pleasant time was enjoyed.

—The Odd Fellows' social last evening was not largely attended, but a very pleasant time was had. The Schubert orchestra furnished music and dancing was enjoyed by those present. The attendance would probably have been larger if the night had not been so bitterly cold.

—Undertaker Comisky has placed a handsome new sign in front of his place of business on Union street. The lettering is in black enamel on polished brass, and is an exact duplication of the copy written by Mr. Comisky and furnished to the sign maker. It shows that Mr Comisky is able not only to write a very course hand, but a very good one.

—Mr. Galvin, who was elected street commissioner of Boston the other day, is well known by many in this city, where he was located for some time about 12 years of age, when he did a job of brick work on the Hoosac tunnel. His wife was here with him and they stopped at the Wilson. Both made many acquaintances and friends in the city, who will be glad to know that Mr. Galvin has been chosen to such an important position in his home city.

—The last Friday in November was intensely disagreeable. Believers in the old myth that the last Friday of a month is a calendar day for the next month indulged in mournful predictions over the disagreeable things in store during December, and for a few days they took satisfaction in believing that the hoary-headed old superstition was proving true. The weather for nearly a week has caused some to doubt that the last Friday of a month controlsh the next month.

—Fred B. Hall, the pool expert will give an exhibition at the Berkshire club this evening, to the members and friends. Mr. Hall is one of the most skilled players in the country, and claims the championship at fancy shots His hardest play is to pocket 14 balls with one shot, and he has about 80 shots all of a difficult or picturesque variety. Mr. Hall also gives an exhibition of skill with cards. He recently played before the two leading clubs of Springfield and was well received.

—James Nolan, the old man who was knocked down by a team on Main street yesterday afternoon, as reported in this paper, was reported this morning to be as comfortable as was to have been expected, and without doubt he will speedily recover from his injuries, which were not of a serious character. Dr. Fagan, who attended him, found no bones broken, but Mr. Nolan was suffering with bruises and the effects of a bad shaking up. He is 72 years old and was very fortunate in escaping more serious injury.

—Frank Reynolds is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

—A case of diphtheria on Furnace street was reported to the board of health today.

—W T. Diack of Williams college will address the Y. M. C. A. meeting at 4 tomorrow afternoon.

—There were seven deaths in the city this week. Three cases of measles and one of diphtheria were reported.

—The schools will close for the Christmas vacation next Tuesday, and Christmas exercises will be held in most of the grades Tuesday afternoon.

— A. P. Houlahan, who has been sick with typhoid fever for a number of weeks, was taken worse today and is now in a very critical condition.

—The republican city committee met last evening and considered the work in the wards Tuesday. Another meeting will be held Monday evening

—Mrs. Ellen M. Smith and her daughter, Miss Harriet, of Santa Rosa, Cal., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Temple on Elmwood avenue.

—There was a small audience at the Congregational church last evening for the exhibition of Tissot pictures, but the views of Christ's birth and boyhood were excellent.

—The right hand of Daniel Buckley was caught in a calender machine at the Johnson mill today and badly injured. Dr. Stafford, who attended, found it necessary to amputate one finger.

—The free prohibition league will hold its regular meeting at 2 30 tomorrow afternoon in Grand Army hall. Sunday school will be held at 3.15, and there will be a business meeting at 4.

—A team owned by Contractor Pecor ran away yesterday, and one of the horses sustained a broken jaw. An effort will be made to save the animal. The other horse was badly cut and scratched.

—Hose company number 4 held a whist party in hose 1 rooms last evening, and there were seven tables of players. The prizes were won by Captain Frank Jones, Albert Whitney and Engineer Nichols.

—Alexander Bolduc of Washington avenue fell from a ladder yesterday while painting a building and his right leg was severely bruised in two places, though no bones were broken. Dr. Brosseau attended.

—Mrs. M. E. Chase, who sustained a broken hip Thursday, as reported in this paper, is as comfortable as could be expected. Owing to her great age, nearly 100 years, she cannot be expected to recover from the injury, but all will be glad to know that she is bearing up under it as well as she is.

—There will be two games of basket ball at Odd Fellows' hall tonight, when the North Adams team will meet the All Americans of Troy, and the Y. M. C. A. Juniors will play the Franco-American team. The Troy team has the reputation of being one of the strongest in this part of the country, and it is expected that the game between that and the North Adams team will be one of the best ever seen in the hall. The other game will be an interesting one, and there will probably be a large attendance.

BLACKINTON.

The whist party given by the Father Mathew society in their hall last evening was a very enjoyable affair. There were 14 tables and the following won prizes. Miss Isabelle Savage, Mr Gregiore, Napoleon Young, John Campbell, James P. Gilfooly, John Evans, Maud Crosier, Leonard Davis, and Louis Card. The next party will be held Friday evening, December 21.

A very pleasant birthday party was given by Miss Mabel Taft at her home on Main street last evening. Games, music and refreshments were enjoyed As a pleasant reminder of the occasion Miss Taft received several very handsome and useful presents.

Rev. A. L. Whittaker and family of West Main street will leave Monday for a ten days vacation in Connecticut.

Richard Thomas an old and respected resident of this city who has been dangerously ill for the past few days, is somewhat better. Mr. Thomas has been unable to leave the house for several months.

A collection will be taken Sunday in Union church to raise funds for the Sunday school Christmas tree. It is hoped the collection will be a generous one.

EYE BURNED OUT

Plasterer in New Richmond Hotel Painfully Injured Today

Peter Marcette of Boston, who is employed in the plastering work of the new Richmond hotel, was burned so severely this morning that he will undoubtedly lose the sight of one eye. He was mixing mortar, when it spattered, and his right eye was covered and filled with the burning mixture. He suffered the most intense agony, and it was some time before much could be done to relieve it. Dr. Crofts was hastily summoned, and after doing what he could to relieve the man, he took him to Dr. Wright's office. The eye was in bad shape, and it was the opinion of the physicians that little could be done to save it. Mr Marcette was taken into the hospital for care.

OBITUARY

Theodore C. Richmond

Thodere C. Richmond, uncle of C. Q. and W. W. Richmond and W. I. Baucus of this city, and well known here, died Wednesday night in Lansingburg. He was 85 years old and had been active in business circles in Troy and Pittstown. He had the respect and esteem of many people, and among those who knew him best his many worthy attributes of mind and heart were best appreciated. Mr. Richmond was born at Potter Hill in 1815, and spent his life in that vicinity. He served with ability as justice of the peace of Pittstown for 30 years, and was a representative from that town in the Rensselaer county board of supervisors for two terms. He is survived by five children, Charles T. Richmond of Cleveland, Ohio, William I. Richmond of Troy, Mrs. Vliet Quackenbush of North Dakota, Mrs William S. Gunnison of Lansingburg and Miss Mary Richmond. The funeral will be held from the residence Monday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. The bearers will be the following nephews of the deceased: C. Q. Richmond, W. W. Richmond and W. I. Baucus of this city; Mark Reynolds and Edward Richmond of Hoosick, and W. I. Baucus of Albany, N. Y.

Will Elect More Delegates

Each of the organizations represented in the Berkshire county football league will elect two more delegates to the meeting to be held Tuesday evening, so that the executive committee of the league will be composed of three representatives from each organization. It is the plant to have gold and silver medals for the individual members of the teams winning first and second place in the series of games to be arranged.

Christmas Shopping Begins

Christmas shopping, as distinct from other brands of shopping, began in earnest today, and the stores were well filled, and will be more crowded tonight Merchants anticipate a good business week, all that is needed being good weather. Beginning Monday evening, the stores will open every evening until Christmas.

RINGS.

Have you looked over our ring stock? You will find the assortment at the right price at Jeweler Higley's.

THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Great Christmas number tomorrow. P. H. Gunning, 51 Eagle street, will serve you.

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The largest assortment in the city from 35c. to $10, at Jeweler Higley's.

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Great Christmas number out tomorrow, Sunday, December 16. Order it from P. J. Sullivan.

WATCHES.

Our stock was never so large or price as low. Make your selection now at Jeweler Higley's.

What Shall We Have for Dessert

The question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! no baking! add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors: Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocers. 14cts.

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Horses clipped at Pattison's livery.

HELLO, JOHN,

Got a new overcoat, and your wife a new jacket? Why, no, they are our last season's ones Mine was dyed and her jacket cleansed and both made over at Cota's Tailor Shop, 7 Bank street. "We can do the same to yours."

The Peter Schuyler cigar in handsome boxes for Christmas at the Wilson House Drug Store.

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Solid 14kt Gold Ladies' Elgin Watch for

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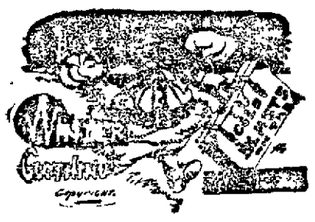

Merry Christmas

Let's make it merry by throwing off the troubled look as far as possible and join in the general joyous feeling.

The time of all times to think of everybody but yourself, think up who you can make happy by a gift, not necessarily expensive, but the heart behind the gift is the essential thing.

Last night our whole force worked until the small hours to get our splendid stock properly displayed.

We are now ready for your gift oak selection.

We cannot begin to give you an idea of what we have—the assortment of useful articles is larger and better than ever.

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Drop in as usual.

Our 1900 calendars on Monday, as long as they last.

Don't send the children unless with a note.

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Tuttle & Bryant's
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The popular trading center of this vicinity. What a lot of shoppers were out yesterday, but even with a large crowd there is lots of room at our store. Customers appreciate our beautiful store and the bargains we offer in all departments.

Be sure to call before you buy

Silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers for Christmas. The Handkerchief buying has already started. Silk ones for 10, 15, 20 and 25 cents, such as you never saw before. Initial Handkerchiefs, various styles of edge, 15, 25, 50 and 75 cents. Mufflers, all kinds, all colors, 25, 75 cents to $2.

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Elegant line of ladies' or gentlemen's umbrellas; these make acceptable presents.

Special prices on cash dere dressing growns and wool dressing sacques.

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White aprons, fancy lace collars, silver novelties and cut glass at prices that you will appreciate.

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TO RENT—Flat, Holbrook street, 8 rooms, steam heated. In excellent repair. Inquire W. G. Snyder, 24 Center street w160tf.

TO RENT—Tenements on West Main street and Frederick street. Apply at H. A. Gallup, Boland block. t105tf

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—My peddling horse, eight years old, 16 hands high, weight 1250, bright bay, sound, kind and an extra good all round general purpose horse. Sold for no fault, don't want to winter. A. J Brisson, the Extract Man, Chester, Mass. f169t13*

FOR SALE—Grocery store having a nice trade. Good opportunity to go into business. A bargain. Address K. W., Lock box 443, North Adams, Mass. f168t6

FOR SALE—Building lots on State street near the new Hunter foundry. Inquire John Parker. f223tf.

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WANTED—First class hand shirt, collar and cuff starcher; steady work. Call at once at W. R. Clark & Son, Brooklyn Street. 172 tf

WANTED—A good salesman to take charge of a meat cart on a good route, one that is neat and clean and attends to business and understands the care of horses. Inquire at P. O. Box 500, Adams, Mass.

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WILLIAMSTOWN

STUDENTS WERE OBNOXIOUS.

At the Opera House Friday Night to the Disgust of Townspeople.

"The Sunshine of Paradise Alley" which was presented in the opera house last evening was very favorably received by all who went for the purpose of witnessing the performance. The company was one of the best that ever came to this town, and it is regretted by the townspeople that they were not better treated by the young men present from the college. As the curtain arose the members of the company were greeted with a shower of peanuts and candy and it was with difficulty that they continued their perfomance. This sort of horse play continued until an officer was called and threatened to make an arrest. The solo and quartet singing was very good but it was spoiled as was the rest of the show, by the continuous noise. The company was very much disappointed at their reception and showed their displeasure by cutting the show as short as possible. It is regretted that since it is very rarely that a good show reaches this town that it cannot be enjoyed by the townspeople.

TALKS ON PALESTINE.

Professor Rice will give four illustrated talks on Palestine and the life of Christ, to the senior and junior classes of Williams college. The first talk will be given in the art room, Hopkins hall on Sunday afternoon at 4.30. The purpose of the talk is to take up the life of Christ in four stages and illustrate the various events and incidents in His career. The country of Palestine will be illustrated by a series of beautiful landscape views, giving a clear idea of Christ's home and surroundings. The various acts of His ministry will be illustrated by paintings from the famous artists of the world. The three remaining talks will be given on Sunday afternoons after Christmas.

INSTRUCTOR WILL LEAVE.

T. Nelson Dale, M. A. innstructor in geology and Botany has decided to sever his connection with the college at the end of the present academic year. Mr. Dale made known his intention to the board of trustees last summer, but the action was kept secret until recently. The fact had in some manner gotten into the office of a scientific paper and it was from this source that the matter become public. Professor Dale came to this town in 1893 and since that time has been instructor in Williams of the above mentioned subjects. Mr. Dale has not made public the reason for his action. His future plans are also unknown.

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

The chess contest between the classes of the high school will close Monday afternoon. Up to the present time the junior class leads the seniors by a score of 18½ by 10½ and the sophomores lead the freshmen by a score of 15 by 9. The winners of this contest will play the college class team early next term. The games have been very interesting and have been witnessed by a large crowd from the school.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB SOCIAL.

The committee appointed by the cosmopolitan club last Monday evening to make arrangements for the first of a series of entertainments to be held in the club rooms, has secured the college glee, banjo and mandolin clubs. The entertainment will be given Monday evening to the members of the club and their invited friends.

COLLEGE PREACHER.

President Buckham of the University of Vermont will preach in the college chapel Sunday morning. The Y. M. C. A. meeting in the evening will be an open meeting in charge of the president of the association.

WILLIAMS WILL MEET YALE.

Next spring, for the first time in five years Williams is to meet Yale in a baseball game. The game is scheduled for Wednesday June 5, at New Haven.

A Williams college club is being formed in Fall River under the supervision of Rev. Dr. William W. Adams.

Daick, Williams 1903, will address the North Adams Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon.

Pach, the college photographer, has been in town this week taking senior photographs and pictures of some of the college organizations.

Judge Tenney is New York city. He will return to town Tuesday.

"The Flaming Arrow" is the attraction at the Richmond theater this evening.

The Woman's Relief corps held a social and dance in Grand Army hall last evening. The attendance was very good. Music was furnished by Porter's orchestra, and dancing was enjoyed until after midnight.

GREAT LUCK OF AN EDITOR.

"For two years all efforts to cure Eczema in the palms of my hands failed," writes Editor N. H. Lester of Syracuse, Kan., "then I was wholly cured by Bucklen's Arnica Salve." It's the world's best for Eruptions, Sores and all skin diseases. Only 25 cents at Burlingame & Darbys.

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Dear Sirs:—Some days since a package of your GRAIN-O preparation was left at my office. I took it home and gave it a trial, and I have to say I was very much pleased with it, as a substitute for coffee. We have always used the best Java and Mocha in our family, but I am free to say I like the GRAIN-O as well as the best coffee I ever drank. Respectfully yours,
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The L. A. W. and Automobiles

Boston, Dec. 12.—The matter of the L. A. W. admitting to fellowship those who are interested in automobiles as a medium of recreation was brought up as the all important topic at last night's meeting of the Massachusetts division of the L. A. W. It was the sense of the meeting that the national body take the necessary steps to admit them to membership.

A Card

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a twenty-five cent bottle of Wills' English Pills, if after, using three-fourth of contents of bottle they do not relieve Constipation and Headache. We also warrant that four bottles will permanently cure the most obstinate case of Constipation. Satisfaction or no pay when Wills' English Pills are used.
C. G. Bartlett, Washington Ave., corner Spring street.
Burlingame & Darby's, Main street.
T. C. Farley, 6 Blackinton block.
P. J. Malone, 21 Eagle street.
Franco-American Pharmacy, Bank St.
John H. C. Pratt, 30 Main street.
John A. Rice, corner Main and Eagle streets.
River street Drug Store.
Wilson House Drug Store, 1 Wilson House block.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.

Which, However, Probably Had a Decidedly Beneficial Result.

For weeks and weeks he had been suspicious of his wife, but for weeks and weeks he had carried a smiling face and held her on his knee as if he believed in her as he did in his holy grandmother. All things come to the husband who waits, and there came an evening when a district messenger boy delivered a letter into the wife's hands. The crafty husband was hunting for a collar button at the moment, but he was not deceived. His first impulse was to rush upon the faithless wife and brain her, or at least break her neck, but he got a grip on himself and waited for a more complete vengeance.

At midnight that night, after pretending sleep for two hours and after making sure that the wife really slumbered, the husband crept out of bed to go through her dress and secure the letter. He moved inch by inch. He held his breath. Goose pimples formed on his legs. It took him just 37 minutes by the clock to find her pocket, but he persevered, and the damning epistle was at last in his hands. In his heart he was vowing to show no mercy, to cut her up with a dull hatchet inch by inch, when he suddenly heard her voice saying:

"I was going to pay it out of my own pin money, John, but I'll be awfully glad to have you take it off my hands!"

"Woman, what means this?" he shouted as he tore the letter from its envelope.

"It means a bill of $14 for my last new hat, as you will see. Get into bed, dear, before you have a congestive chill!" M. QUAD.

Quarrelsome.

Froggie—Confound those lobsters! They can't agree with any one.—New York Journal.

A CARD

Come to my store and get a twenty five or fifty cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar, and I will pay you back your money if it does not cure your cough or cold.
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COST ESTIMATED AT $12,500.

Assyriologists Expect to Be on the Ground in January, and a Start Will Soon Be Made—Two Years' Work Anticipated—Quarterly Reports Will Be Issued.

Funds have at last been provided, chiefly through a gift of $6,000 by John D. Rockefeller, to insure the starting of the proposed expedition to the orient for an excavation of the ruins of Mugheir, or the Ur of the Chaldees, the great Babylonian city frequently mentioned in Old Testament history as the birthplace of Abraham and Sarah, says the New York Post. The expedition will be in charge of Dr. James Edgar Banks, a graduate of Harvard and until recently United States consul at Bagdad. Up to a few weeks ago it was thought that the plans which had been partially made would necessarily be abandoned, as sufficient money was not in hand to start the work. The money came in, however, and this made speedy work necessary. As Dr. Banks thought it advisable to be on the ground by Jan. 1 or soon after that date he has arranged to sail from New York in a few days and will go to Constantinople and from there to the scene of the ruins.

The expedition has received the approval of the state department in Washington, which has even rendered some assistance by requesting the Turkish government to permit these expeditions to be made. Owing to the price at which Arab workmen can be employed, Dr. Banks estimates that the cost of the work, employing a force of 100 natives, will not exceed $12,500.

From no source has there been so much light thrown upon the Bible or ancient history as from the excavations which have taken place in the ruins of Babylonia and Assyria, and the success of the expedition sent out by the University of Pennsylvania under the direction of Professor Hilprecht gives some idea of the general class of knowledge which is to be gained. In all Professor Hilprecht spent 11 years in the work at Nippur, but Dr. Banks is of the opinion that within two years he can take from Ur of the Chaldees all of the objects which would be of interest, and these are to be placed in the Smithsonian institution at Washington.

With the expedition will be at least three Americans. Dr. Banks will act as the Assyriologist, another will be employed as a draftsman and photographer, and the work of the third will consist in collecting natural history specimens of all kinds in the vicinity. Quarterly reports telling of the work as it progresses will be issued.

Ur is important as the center of the worship of Sin, the moon god, which continued for more than 2,500 years and through all of its political history down to the end of the Babylonian empire. It will be a part of Dr. Banks' plan to make his headquarters at Nasiriehi, which is the most modern town in Babylonia and located only a couple of miles distant from Ur. This will make camp life unnecessary. At the present time the Arabic tribes near this location are under the control of the Turks, and because of the English and American commercial interests the fanaticism which was formerly directed against foreign people has been very largely overcome.

MAKING OF CHRISTMAS TOYS

Successful Invasion of American Playthings Into European Markets.

The total value of trade in toys has grown to tremendous proportions. Accurate figures are not attainable, but experts estimate that the American people buy annually between $15,000,000 and $20,000,000 worth. Of this sum about one-third goes to foreign markets. To offset this importation the domestic manufacturers have begun to invade the European markets, says Harper's Weekly. Iron toys, which we make better than any nation in the world, are sent in large quantities especially to England. Our tin toys, too, are beginning to make their way abroad, thanks to their general superiority.

Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 games are turned out every year, and most of them remain in the United States. Many of these games are variations on checkers. Scores of people are busily at work day in and day out devising new games. Few things are more profitable than a successful invention in this line. Dr. George H Monks of Boston, who invented the game of halma, has received over $25,000 in royalties during the past 12 years.

Football Legislation.

The Winnebago county board, according to an Oshkosh (Wis.) dispatch to the St. Paul Pioneer Press, has adopted a memorial to the legislature asking that body to prohibit the playing of the game of football in the state of Wisconsin on the ground that "it is dangerous to the health and to the life of the persons playing it as it is now played." The memorial was introduced by Supervisor Nash of Menasha, whose leg was broken in a game of football.

A Dangerous Contingency.

Has it ever occurred to the sultan, asks the Washington Post, what an unpleasant predicament he would be in if the battleship Kentucky should be mysteriously blown up while making a friendly call in a Turkish port?

THE WILY TURK.

It seems the sultan was so pleased with the appearance of the Kentucky that he decided to order a battleship from this country right away and pay a fancy price for it.—Kansas City Journal.

The sultan's way of paying indemnity is decidedly informal, but it is possible that the government of the United States may overlook the informality rather than continue its policy of incessant dunning.—Baltimore Sun.

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More Dangerous.

Judge—And you say he had murder in his eye?

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Swallows to Carry Messages.

The question of employing swallows instead of pigeons to carry dispatches has been seriously considered in France, according to the Journal des Sciences Militaires. The aptitude of the swallow for the work is by many held to be even greater than that of the pigeon. They fly to a greater height and are therefore less exposed to being shot, and they travel faster, making good nearly 80 miles an hour, where a pigeon would not get over 55. It is also claimed for them that they are more faithful, intelligent and have seen long journeys to stop to feed, as the pigeon has. It is also asserted that the swallow can be more easily and quickly trained. The only doubtful point seems to be whether, on regaining their liberty, they would not yield to their migratory instincts and their desire to seek warmer climes.

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"Then that's it. I wondered why it was she could never make herself understood."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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ENTERTAINING OLD FRIENDS.

Troubles of a Young Couple Who Lived in a Flat.

"Mary," said a young business man, "my old friend is in town with his wife. We must positively have them to dinner and ask some people to meet them."

"Now, George," exclaimed his better half, "you know we cannot entertain in a small flat, with two servants; we agreed about that when we married. Ask them to go to the play and to supper somewhere afterward, but we really cannot give a dinner party as we are situated."

After much discussion, however, the dinner was decided upon, and the next question was whom to invite.

"We must ask the A.'s if we ask anybody," she decided.

"The B.'s must of course be invited," added her husband.

"The C.'s are more important than any one," she exclaimed.

"But not more so than the D.'s," was the rejoinder, and so on. When the list was made out of the people who positively had to be asked, it numbered about 30.

"There's not a single one of these people I can leave out," declared Mrs. Z., with conviction, "and I really ought to ask more."

"Why not give a small party instead?" hazarded Mr. Z. "That would include every one."

"But that involves more," sighed his more prudent partner. "However, as you say, it simplifies matters, and, as every one has been so kind to us, it is only proper that we should make some return. But what shall we have? A dance, of course, is out of the question. We must call it a musical, and have some professionals to perform."

"But they cost like everything," exclaimed the young husband. "Hang it all, Mary, I do believe the best way, after all, would be to have a dance at Delmonico's or Sherry's. We would kill all our birds with one stone and have something really creditable."

"Yes, I suppose, on the whole, that would be better," acquiesced his wife. "We'll economize afterward somehow and make it up."

So new lists were made, the invitations sent out, and the ball (for a ball it finally became) was given.

"These Z.'s are going the pace," commented the ungrateful Mrs. Grundy, who, with her daughters, had attended the dance. "I predict a smash up for them before long. No, Bella," this to her eldest, who was making out a list for a series of dinners, "I do not think I would put them down. They are just the sort of people one has to be careful about. We will ask them to some big reception. That will do. We will have to give one or two functions of that sort for the crowd before we begin to give smaller and more exclusive things."

With the X.'s the result was equally unsatisfactory. "I do not call it a compliment," she declared, "to be asked to a dance where we know no one and nobody takes any trouble to introduce us. I must say, Mary, your friend Z. does not put himself out to entertain you!"

As to the E.'s, they were in despair. "It was all perfectly horrid from beginning to end!" exclaimed Mrs. Z. "We will have to economize for months to make up for the outlay, and it did not do a bit of good. People liked us better before we made the effort to entertain them. It was all a mistake from beginning to end!"—New York Tribune.

It was a poor plan to name any of our monitors after the states, as that tends to confuse them with battleships.—Buffalo Express.

Perhaps nothing in connection with the navy will be more important in the next few years than to correct its one sided growth by bringing the supply of officers, men, docks, repair shops and auxiliary vessels up to that of fighting ships.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

We are planning a splendid naval programme, so far as the building of ships is concerned, but what is the use of building vessels if we have to lay them up at Longue Island or Mare Island when built for lack of crews to man them and lack of officers to command them?—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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CHURCH NOTES.

ST. PAUL'S UNIVERSALIST—The pastor's subject for Sunday morning will be "An Expectant People." In the evening he will preach on "Gains in Philanthropy during the Century."

TRININTY METHODIST—The services will be conducted as usual Sunday by Envoy Storey and family. They have been most successful in their revival meetings and will conclude them next Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST—Rev. Samuel Knowles of Whitman will occupy the pulpit Sunday, as a candiate for the pastorate. The regular church social will be held next Tuesday evening.

CONGREGATIONAL—The regular services by the Men's Sunday Evening club will be held tomorrow evening. The Y. P. S. C. E. will meet Tuesday evening. On Tuesday afternoon in the Congregation house, Miss Morgan of Springfield will lecture on "Nervousness and its causes." All ladies are invited to be present.

F. M. T. A. POOL TOURNAMENT.

Recently there was a pool tournament started by the members of the F. M. T. A. society in their room for a prize of a box of cigars. It was a handicap and nearly every member entered. It was arranged purely for social purposes and much interest has been evinced. Already a number of games have been played and the result to date is as follows. M. Cassidy with a handicap of 12 points defeated A. Herbert, whose handicap was five, Thomas McNulty and W. F. Burke, each with five points handicap, played and the former won, Frank Savage, handicap 15, won from F. Lapan, handicap 15; J. Kernahan, 15, defeated James Purcell, 8; D. Holleran, 15, defeated J. Moran, 15; John Kane, 19, defeated H. Dessauxie's, 5, J McGovern, 17, defeated A. McGovern, 13 E. Haggerty, 9, defeated William Carroll, 14; John Haggerty, 9, defeated P. H. Kelliher, scratch; Fred Coucher, 10, defeated J. Kerrigan, 9; W. Reeves, 10, defeated J. Shannon, 15; Martin Savage, 18, defeated Frank Deneault, 2; Fred Leveck, 13, defeated J. Lahey, 20.

There are several more games to be played in the first round and then the winners will play the second round and then the semi-finals will be played.

GOOD SLEIGHING NEEDED.

A supply of snow heavy enough to permit of good sleighing in the village would be beneficial to many business men in this town. As it is now the sleighing on the mountain is very good and farmers use sleighs as far as the outskirts of the town and then have to drive with their sleighs over bare ground or hire a wagon. It is inconvenient and keeps the farmers from getting here to make their Christmas purchases. Winter is the time when most of the wood from the mountains is drawn in to wood dealers and especially does it affect Follett Bros in their lime business. Good sleighing would increase business very materially.

PERMANENT OFFICERS ELECTED

The second meeting of the teamsters was held in the A. O. H. hall Friday evening and a permanent organization was effected. There were about 25 teamsters present and Messrs. White and Foster of North Adams, of the state branch of unions were present and made addresses. The officers elected were. George Morey, president; F. C. Sherman, secretary; A. Boyington, teansurer. The charter membership is 16 and the charter will be kept open until after several more meeting are held The next meeting will be Friday evening and all teamsters are invited to attend.

CHAMPIONS OF BERKSHIRE.

The local tug-of-war team have had their pictures taken and a couple of them are on exhibition at the Adams house. One of the pictures is "at rest" and the other is "in action" The pictures were taken by Gustav Schaelzel and are very good for an amateur. In the group is Arthur F. Paro, manager and coach; Louis Baker, George Vadder, Joseph Mercier, Edward Carter, Joseph Cartier, Frank Cheney, E Bernor, Joseph Ouinette, Duffy Murray and Joseph Paro. The team is the champion of Berkshire county, having won that distinction.

NEW WOMEN'S CLUB FORMED.

A new club has been formed by seven young women of this town and the first meeting was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. Brown Renfrew on East street. It is to be called the Y. M. C. club and is organized purely for social purposes. At the meetings there will be readings and discussions of a literary character and sewing and fancy work will also be done. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. C. Plunkett on Park street. The club will meet every other Friday afternoon.

KING'S DAUGHTERS ENTERTAINMENT.

There was quite a large attendance at the entertainment in the Congregation house Friday evening by the King's Daughters of the Congregational church. There were two funny farces presented, "To meet Mr. Thompson" and "Two lunatics." The parts were well taken and music helped to make the evening pleasant. Ice cream and cake were served. A good sum was netted and is to be donated to the church debt fund.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES IN SCHOOL

Next week will be a busy one in the schools. The winter examinations will take place and the reports will be sent out at the beginning of next term. The schools will also close next Friday and a number of the teachers are preparing to hold Christmas exercises. The children of the different grades will take part in the programs which will consist of the singing of Christmas carols and anthems. There will also be recitations and dialogues.

MUSIC FOR K. OF C. BALL

The committee on Music for the K. of C. ball to be held in the Armory hall January 18, met and decided to engage the Ideal orchestra of North Adams to furnish the music for the event. The orchestra has been heard and played for a couple of dances here and gave good satisfaction. A concert program will be rendered by the full orchestra and Mr. McCarthy will prompt. The orchestra promises a very attractive concert program.

ROAST PIG SUPPER SERVED.

Owing to the weather there was not as large an attendance as usual at the roast-pig supper at the Methodist church Friday evening. However, all who attended were pleased with the excellent menu served and the Ladies Aid under whose auspices the supper was held, were complimented for their efforts. The money realized is used for church purposes.

ODD FELLOWS HOP.

Hoosuck Valley lodge of Odd Fellows will hold another of their series of Saturday evening dances in their hall this evening. Dancing will be from 8 until 12 and good music will be furnished. The dances are always well attended and good times are always enjoyed. The public is invited The tickets will be 35 cents for gentlemen.

Miss Rose Riley of West Stickbridge visited here Friday.

The pupils of the Notre Dame parochial school will give an entertainment in the opera house this evening

A son was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Harper of 7 Kipper street.

The continued case against Joseph Levine for violating the butter laws came up in court this morning and was continued until January 5.

Letters are advertised at the local postoffice for Arthur Stone, William H. Barrett, S. Harington, John Fulton, and Anton Maylesyalk.

Mrs. Gilbert Potter on Pleasant street is seriously ill at her home.

Seats for the new Richmond theater may be secured as usual at Riley & Co.'s drug store.

The Maple Grove club will hold a social in their hall on Beech street this evening.

Louis Jandreau of Springfield has taken a position with Paul Cote, barber on Spring street.

The regular meeting of the N. E. O. P. was held Friday evening and officers were nominated.

There was one case of drunkenness in court this morning.

Miss Maud Tinker will probably take a leading part in "Zephra" to be given by North Adams talent in the New Richmond theatre next month. It is under the direction of Mr. Averill for the Sons of Veterans of North Adams.

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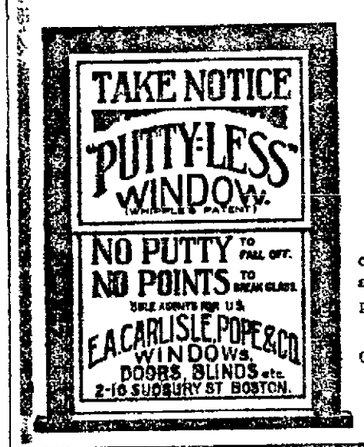

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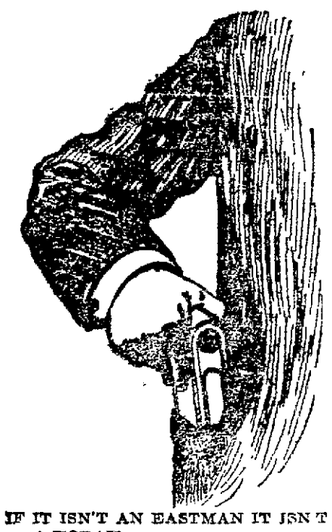

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MAYOR WILKINSON'S FORECAST FOR FUTURE

Tax Rate Can Be Reduced $1.00 and the City Debt Reduced $10,000. No-License Would Alter the Matter, Increase the Taxes and Leave Debt Where It is at Present

A tax rate of $18.50 on the thousand, $1 less than the tax rate of this year, and a very substantial reduction of the public debt, amounting to more than $10,000, is what Mayor Wilkinson knows he can give the city next year by way of administration provided he is re-elected.

"And these figures contemplate permanent work on about the scale of the permanent work of this year," which was permanent work of about $50,000 in value.

Of course if the city should vote "no-license" a material change would have to be made in these figures.

Having in mind the excellent showing made by Mayor Wilkinson's administration in the way of permanent improvements, reducing the city debt for the first time in years and all without increasing the tax rate, and knowing that Mr. Wilkinson is expert in making estimates the Transcript thought it wise to ask the mayor if he would give to the public a forecast of next year with himself at the head of public affairs. It was remembered that for this year he estimated the appropriations as they were made to a cent. His list of estimates was submitted to the board provided by the city charter and this board passed upon them without altering them in any particular whatever after thoughtful deliberation. The list went to the council and was taken up in the order of business by the council finance committee. This committee discussed the items fully and carefully, approved of them, returned the list to the council and the council passed it from top to bottom. There was not a change of a single penny in the list of appropriations made by the council from the list of estimates as it first left the hands of the mayor. This being so the value of the mayor's opinion concerning the future is obvious.

The mayor consented to give the public his opinions through the Transcript, and, the purpose of the interviewer being explained to him, he was asked "What of the future?"

"I have been thinking of it, if that much indulgence may be granted a man who is yet only a candidate for mayor"

"There will be increased expenditures next year," he said, "but on the whole, the outlook is quite bright. The schools will require from $5000 to $6000 more; the police department, considering the recommendations of Chief Dinneen, which I believe the public will endorse, will require from $3000 to $4000 additional; street lighting will cost us about $1500 additional; state and county tax will increase about $2000; the maturing debt will be $2200 over what it was this year; the Blackinton school building will cost us about $3000; the cost of a new bridge for Eagle street will be $10,000, and miscellaneous items I have in mind will amount to about $6000.

"The inrease of the total appropriations will be, as I figure it, about $34,200 The appropriations this year were $392,560, and, adding to this the increase I have mentioned, we shall have to provide next year for total appropriations amounting to $426,760.

"With the available cash in the treasury and with anticipated receipts about the same as the anticipated receipts of last year we shall be able to provide for this sum, $426,760, by a gross tax of $18.50 on the $1000 valuation, and, at the same time, reduce the public debt a substantial sum, by more than $10,000 at least.

"And these figures contemplate permanent work on about the scale of the permanent work of this year.

"To put it concisely, we can reduce the tax rate $1 below the tax rate of this year, reduce the debt by not less than $10,000 and do as much permanent work as we have done this year.

"But, interposed the interviewer at this point, "you are basing your estimates on the anticipated receipts being the same as they were last year. Supposing the anticipated receipts are not the same? Supposing the city votes 'no-license? The license fees are included in anticipated receipts and, if the city votes 'no' and there are no such fees, what then?"

"That is another question," said the mayor. "If," he estimated, "the city votes 'no-license' we shall lose $34,500 from the anticipated receipts and, of course, this amount from the revenues I have estimated upon in the calculations I have given you. This loss would compel us to borrow for every item that the law will allow us to borrow for.

"The law will not permit us to borrow for current expenses. And it limits us to a tax of $12 on the $1000 for these expenses. Our current expenses, outside of the maturing debt, interest on the total indebtedness and the state and county tax, will amount to $164,000 next year on my basis of figuring. A tax of $12 on the $1000 and the poll tax would give us $166,600, a bare $2000 more than the estimate.

"In addition to current expenses we shall have to provide for the maturing debt, for the interest on the total indebtedness and for the state and county tax. To provide for these—and we must do it—will require an addition of $8.50 on the $1000.

"So you see that the $12 on the $1000 for current expenses and the $8.50 for maturing debt, interest and state and county tax would raise our tax rate next year to $20.50 on the $1000, $1 more than the rate of this year.

"Being obliged to borrow, we should have to curtail in the matter of permanent improvement and we could not expect to reduce the public debt."

"Could not the appropriation for current expenses be reduced," the mayor was asked, "so that in case the city votes 'no-license' the tax rate need not be increased?"

"Yes," he replied, that could be done, but I do not think it would be wise. It would not be sound economy. Some remarks I made a year ago about the matter of reducing the tax rate and the city debt apply here. It would not be judicious, it seems to me, to recommend that the necessary current expenses be reduced to keep within the present tax rate providing the city votes "no." Little enough is now being appropriated for the highways and their repairs and for the other public departments, and it would be very unwise, in my opinion, to allow things to run down so as to keep the tax rate as it is.

"I believe if the city votes 'no-license' that it will do it with the understanding that the large amount received in license fees is to be met by direct taxation; that is, I believe the people are prepared to pay for 'no-license' if they want it, even to the extent of $2 on the $1000 in taxes and the wiping out of a possible substantial reduction of the city debt."

CITY ALMONER'S REPORT

Fewer Calls for Aid This Year Than Last

The report of the city almoner, who is also the superintendent of cemeteries, was filed with the mayor yesterday afternoon, and is of especial interest as showing that the calls on the city for help this year have been much fewer than in the previous year. This has been true of almost every form of request for aid, and is a most encouraging and satisfactory condition.

Of the appropriation of $8500, $8002 has been spent, leaving $497 as a balance. Out of this the city settled a claim from the city of Holyoke which was some eight years old, paying $481.

The report speaks of the necessity of thorough investigation of each case as it comes up, and of the work that the new associated charities will probably do when it is started. The almoner also thanks those who have made contributions of clothing through his department.

The expense of caring for the city's insane has been increasing and this year cost $3860.

There have been fewer cases than usual in the hospital, and the city has paid the institution $666, but the report says that some cases were treated there by private charity rather than ask the department to assume the responsibility.

There have been 42 at the almshouse during the year, and four have died there. The work of Mr. and Mrs. Cook is praised.

The recommendation is made that the city water be extended there, as although the building of a new reservoir has given enough water for use, there is no fire protection. The recommendation is also made that the house be lighted by electricity or gas, as kerosene lamps are likely to be dangerous in such a place.

The report closes with a series of tables in which are the following facts. In the form of outside relief, 73 families have been helped, of whom 55 had settlements here. In 1899 there were 117 families. There were 359 persons, of whom 241 have settlements here. In 1899 there were 557. There were 14 persons cared for at the hospital, 24 at Northampton and 14 elsewhere. In all, 411 persons were aided or cared for by the city this year. The city farm property is valued at $24,212, and this year there was expended there $4918.

A separate report is given of the soldiers' relief fund. The appropriation was $700, and of this $448 was spent, 16 families being aided under the law.

The report of the commissioner of cemeteries shows that although the appropriations were slightly overdrawn, the overdrafts were more than equalled by funds returned to the city. At Hillside $888 was received for the care of lots, and at Southview $2030. The city now keeps lots in good condition and the grass at the actual cost, and those who wish to can place a deposit with the city treasurer, which will insure care of their lots forever. For lots of ordinary size, $100 is a large enough deposit.

During the year about 100 lots were added at Southview by grading, and next year enough will be added to last for a number of years. Next year considerable grading in the region of the free lots will be needed, as there are rapidly filling up. The report recommends that water be extendexd to the west side of the cemetery.

STATIONED IN MORRO CASTLE

Local Boy in Former Spanish Stronghold at Santiago

A letter has been received here from Samuel Boyd of this city, who is a member of Company D, U. S. infantry, and whe is now stationed in Morro castle, Santiago. Mr. Boyd has been with this regiment since last spring, and gives an interesting description of the region where he is now located. He also speaks interestingly of the castle where he is stationed, saying:

"The old castle is a very imposing pile, with the top 300 feet above the sea. There are batteries, tier on tier, running down almost to the water's level, and it is said the old castle has dungeons which even go down to the water. It is also said that there are secret passages through the rock, on which the castle stands, but as the plans of the castle have all been lost, no one dares venture into these underground passages for fear of falling into some accident."

Of the people there he says: "The population is largely made up of negroes and half breeds. It is this class who have always made trouble for the Spaniards, and there are a good many of them who are ready now to revolt against any kind of a stable government whatever."

WILL FIGHT THE CASES

Columbia Theater Disturbers Secure a Continuance. A Lively Scrap

Louis B. Tatens and Charles W. Batterson, the two men whose arrest at the matinee in the Columbia yesterday afternoon was reported in yesterday's issue, pleaded not guilty to the charges of disturbing the peace and assaulting an officer when arraigned in court this morning. They were represented by Lawyer Niles, and intend to fight the case. Lawyer Niles secured a continuance of the cases until next Wednesday, and each man was placed under bonds of $100 on the charge of disturbance, and of $25 on the charge of assaulting an officer.

The commonwealth's case was ready this morning, but that of the defendants was not. There were four men from the Morrison comedy company present ready to give evidence as to the manner in which yesterday's performance was disturbed, and of course the show people will not be here to testify next week, but there will be other witnesses from among those who were present at the theater.

The affair caused a good deal of excitement in the house, although for so sensational an episode the audience took it very quietly. The affair began with the piano player, who asked the men to stop disturbing him and the actors. This was not effective, and the pianist then rose and called for the management. Officer Scully, who was attending the show, stepped up to the men and asked them to be quiet. They asked the officer who he was, he being in citizens' clothes, and when he showed his badge they started to jolly him.

As they kept up the disturbance, Officer Scully placed Tetens under arrest. The latter with a swift swing landed on the officer's head, and in a few seconds there was a mix-up which brought the two into a corner, after going over two or three seats. Various stage hands suddenly appeared over the footlights, all eager to take a hand and Batterson also inserted his presence in the melee. Officer N. Walsh was in the rear of the house, and made quick time to the scene of action, and the two officers soon had the crowd back, and the two men under arrest and outside.

This morning Tetens appeared with one eye considerably the worse for wear, while Officer Scully had several small scars. Mr. Tetens has been in the city for some weeks, representing a book concern, while Mr. Batterson is a traveling man.

Pugilist Ryan is Dead

Patrick Ryan, former heavyweight pugilist of the United States, died at his home in Green Island, yesterday afternoon, after an illness of about six weeks. He was seized with a convulsion in the morning on arising and death ensued in the afternoon.

Ryan was heavyweight champion before he lost to John L. Sullivan in the famous fight in Mississippi. He won the title by defeating the veteran champion Joe Goss in a long battle. Ryan was a resident of West Troy in his earlier days, and it was in that city and vicinity that his fighting powers became known. He never fought in the prize ring after being defeated by Sullivan, as he announced at that time that he was through. He appeared in the ring, however, to aid some fellow pugilist in a benefit. Ryan was big-hearted and had many warm friends. He was well known and well liked in this city, where he had given exhibitions. He is survived by a daughter.

Cases Move Slowly

Board of health prosecutions move slowly in the local court. The two cases against A. G. Formhals were continued as usual this morning, this time to January 5. One case, for violating the rules of the board of health, was brought September 26, and has had the following continuances: October 6, October 18, November 9, November 17, December 1, December 15, January 5. The other case, for refusing to comply with an order of the board of health, was brought October 2, and has had the following continuances: October 13, October 27, November 10, November 17, December 1, December 15, January 5. Two continuances a month seems to be the steady gait to which the cases have settled down

C. D. Sanford Post's Election

The annual meeting of C. D. Sanford post was held last night and was largely attended. Officers for the year were elected as follows: Commander, L. F. Amadon; senior vice commander, William Wilson; junior vice commander, Charles Lewis; surgeon, Peter Post; chaplain, C. M. Brown; quartermaster, George S. Sleckwell; officer of the day, Oliver Fish; officer of the guard, Addison Canfield; delegates to the department convention, E. O. Wiley, H. J. Millard and George H. Kearn; alternates, J. Q. Erwin, A. A. Lee and H. A. Tower. There are a few officers to be appointed. The installation will be held January 4, and A. W. Fulton will be the installing officer.

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CHINA AND EMBROIDERY

Mrs. Anderson and Miss Griswold will hold their annual Christmas sale of China and embroidery on Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday, Dec. 18th and 19th, at Miss Griswold's rooms, No. 1 Church Place.

Only a few Suggestions

Vases,
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Cake Plates,
Salad Bowls,
Fruit Dishes,
Jardinieres,
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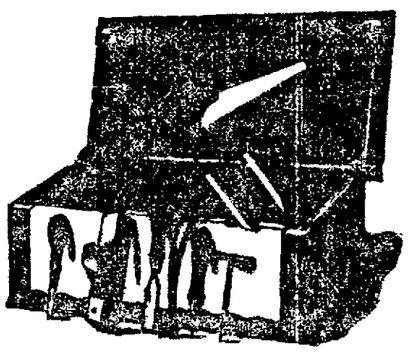

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Legs of Lamb,	10c	Salt Pork,	10
Fores of Lamb,	8	Salt Spare Ribs,	6
Lamb Chops,	15	Whole Hams,	11
Roast Pork Loins,	10	Sliced Hams,	12
Pork Chops,	10	Pressed Ham,	15
Fresh Pork Shoulders,	9	Minced Ham,	15
Roast Beef,	8, 10, 12, 14	Head Cheese,	10c. lb, 3 lbs. 25c.
Porterhouse Steak	20c	Frankfurts,	10c. lb., 3 lbs. 25c.
Sirloin Steak,	18c	Bologna,	10c. lb., 3 lbs. 25c.
Shoulder Steak,	12c.	Bacon,	14
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